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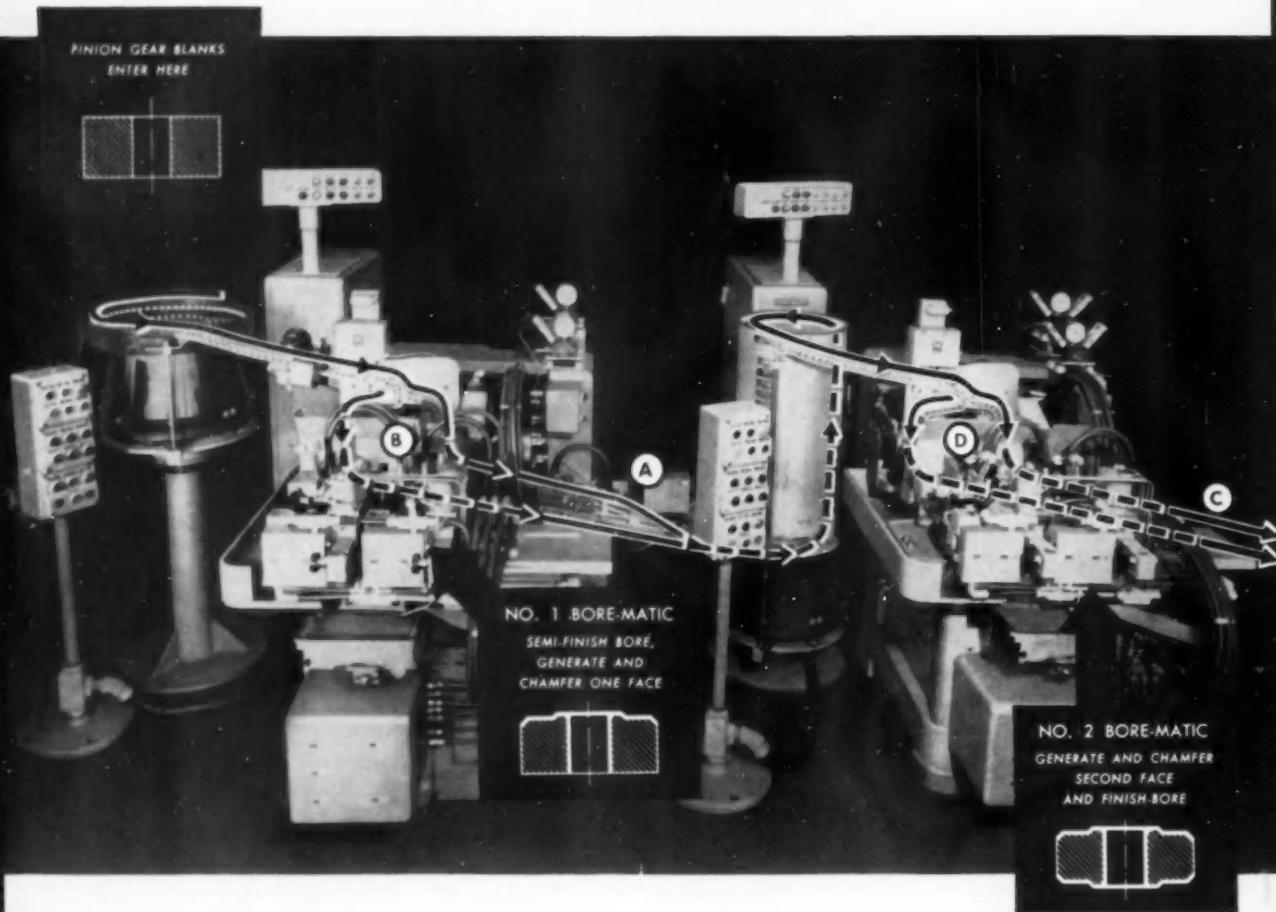
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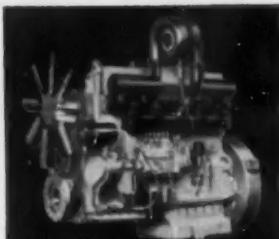
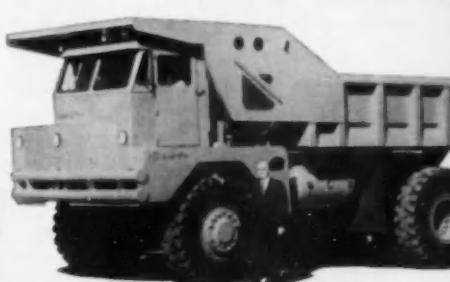
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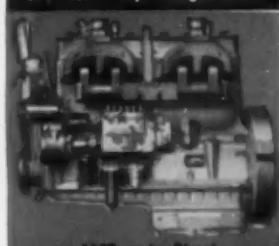
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135-DKBS	6	ACTV	4½x5	426	400-1800	185	2800
148-DKBS	6	ACTV	5½x6	779	706-1800	280	2100
WAKDBS	6	ACTV	6½x6½	1197	1062-1600	352	1800
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140-GZB	6	ACV	4½x5½	554	448-1100	188	2600†
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145-GZB	6	ACV	5¾x6	817	630-1100	250	2400†
WAKB	6	ACV	6½x6½	1197	1000-1000	280	1800

*FEATURES: A—Aluminum Alloy Pistons; C—Counterbalanced Crankshaft;
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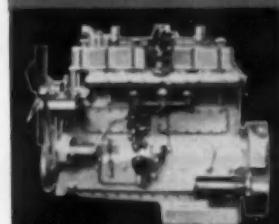
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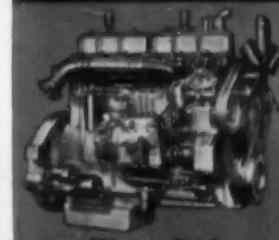
1197 cu. in. Supercharged Diesel



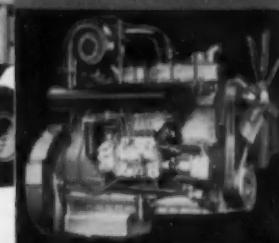
1197 cu. in. Diesel



817 cu. in. Gasoline or LPG



779 cu. in. Diesel



779 cu. in. Supercharged Diesel

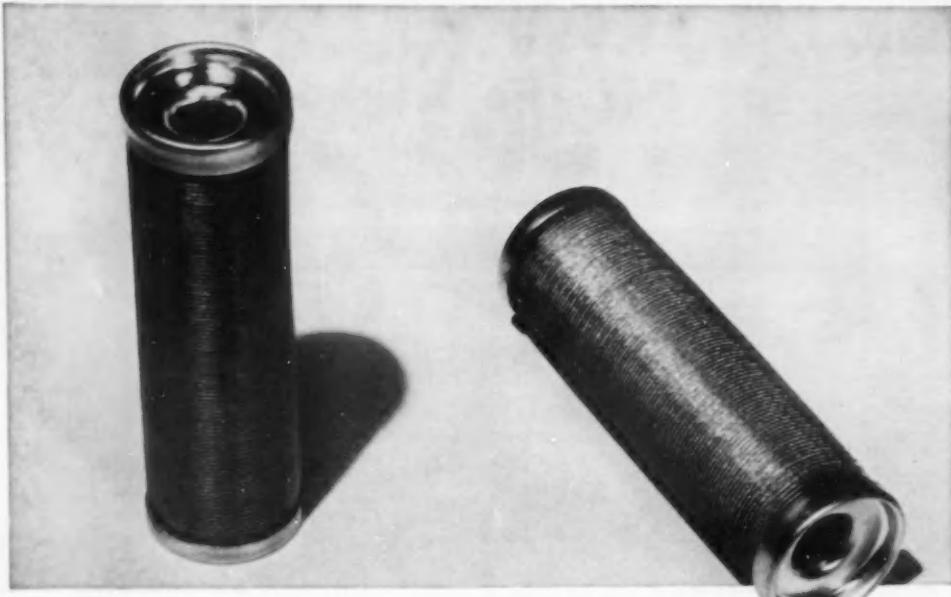


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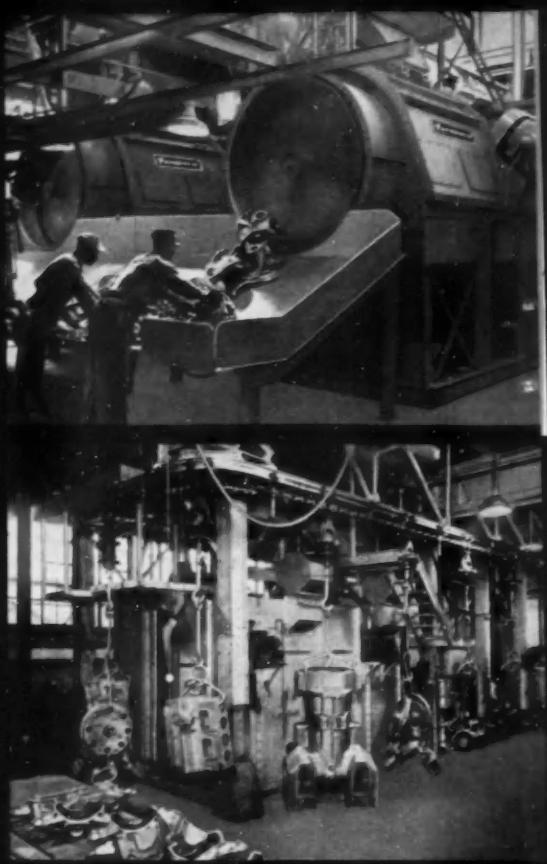
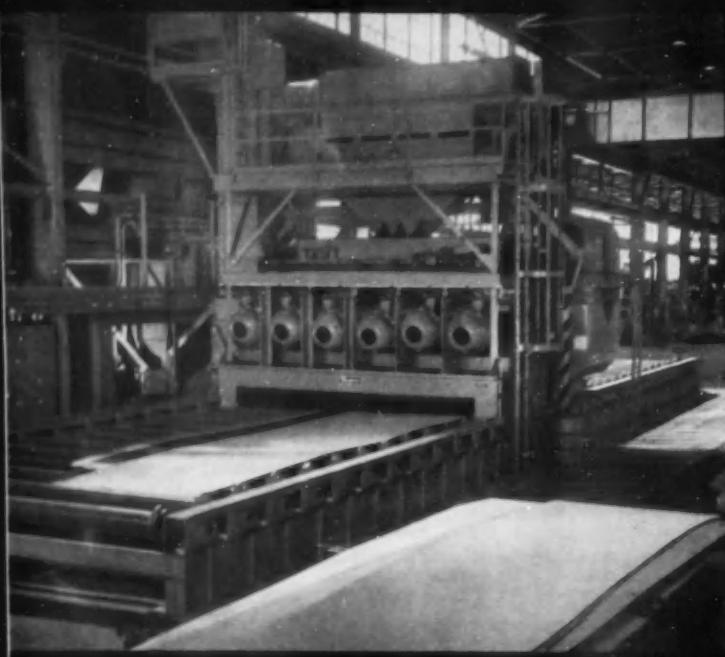
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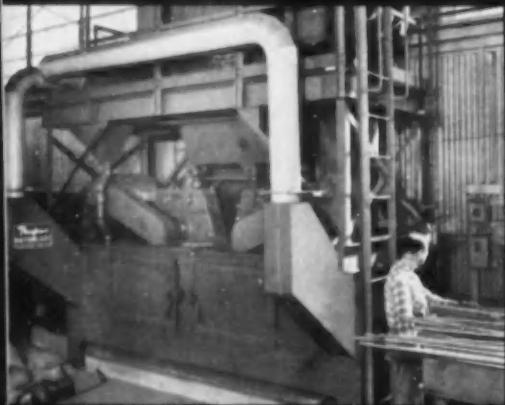
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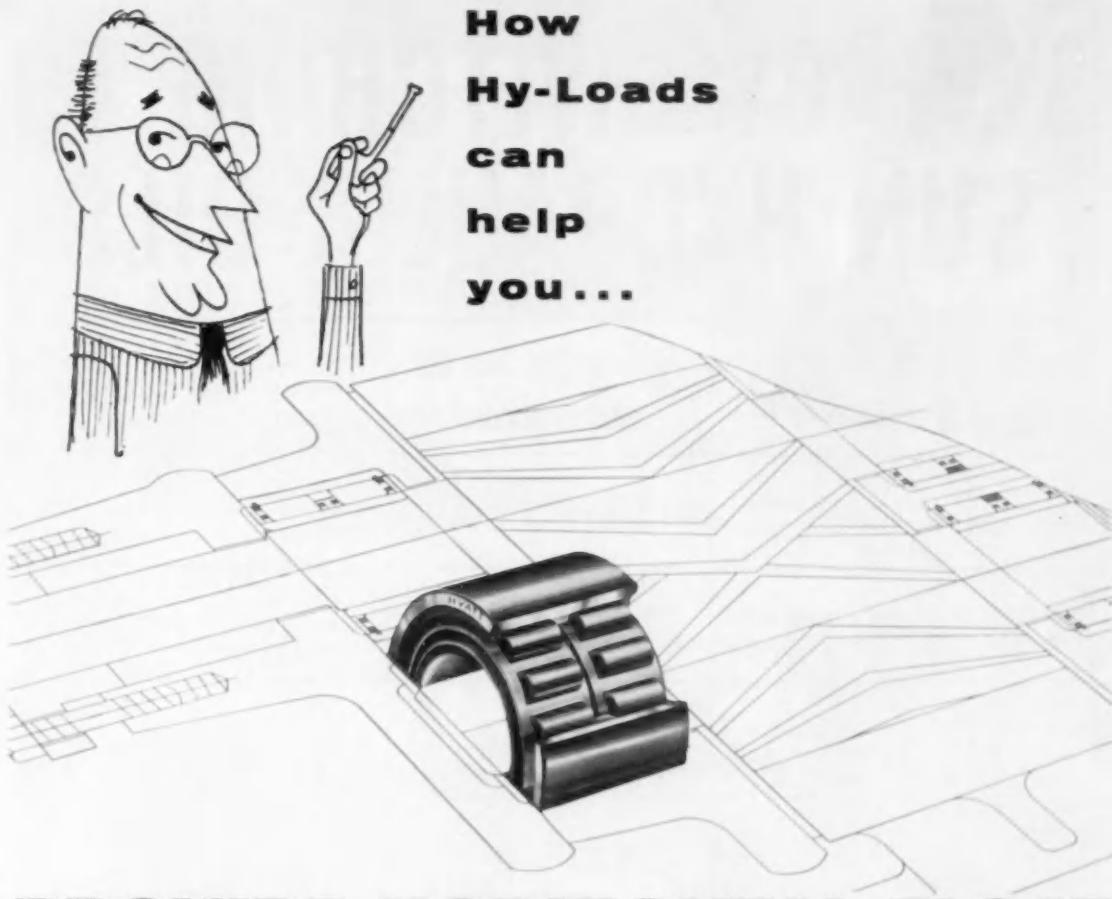
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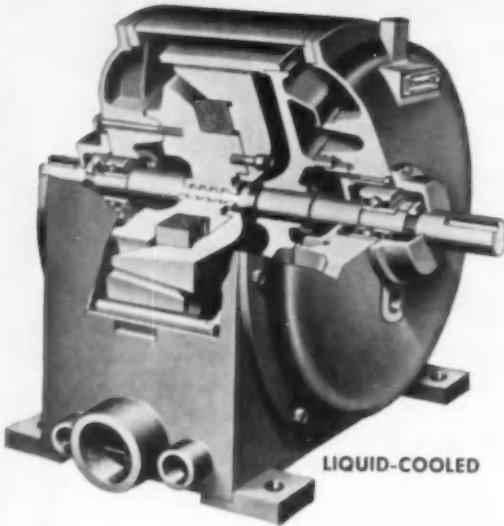


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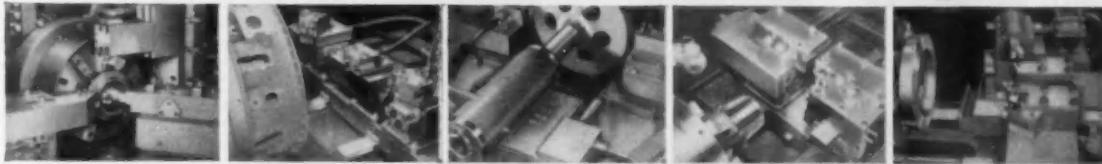
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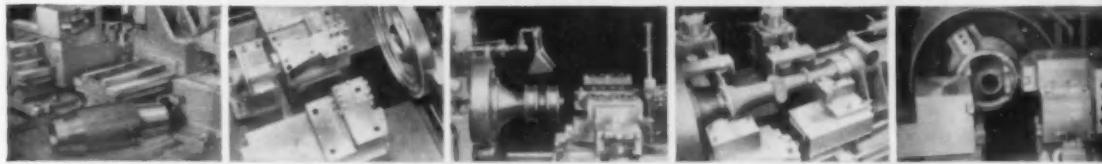
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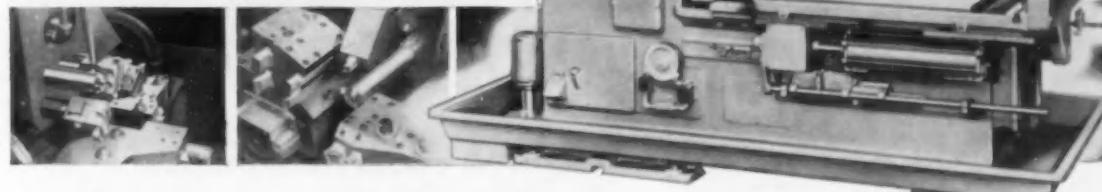
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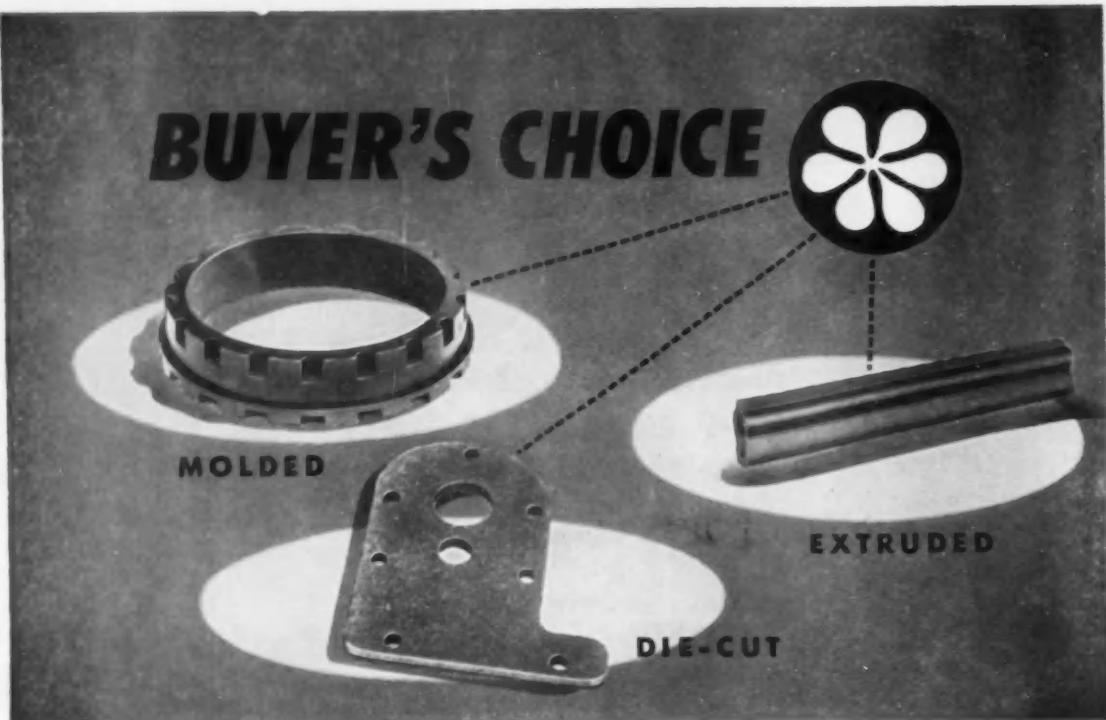
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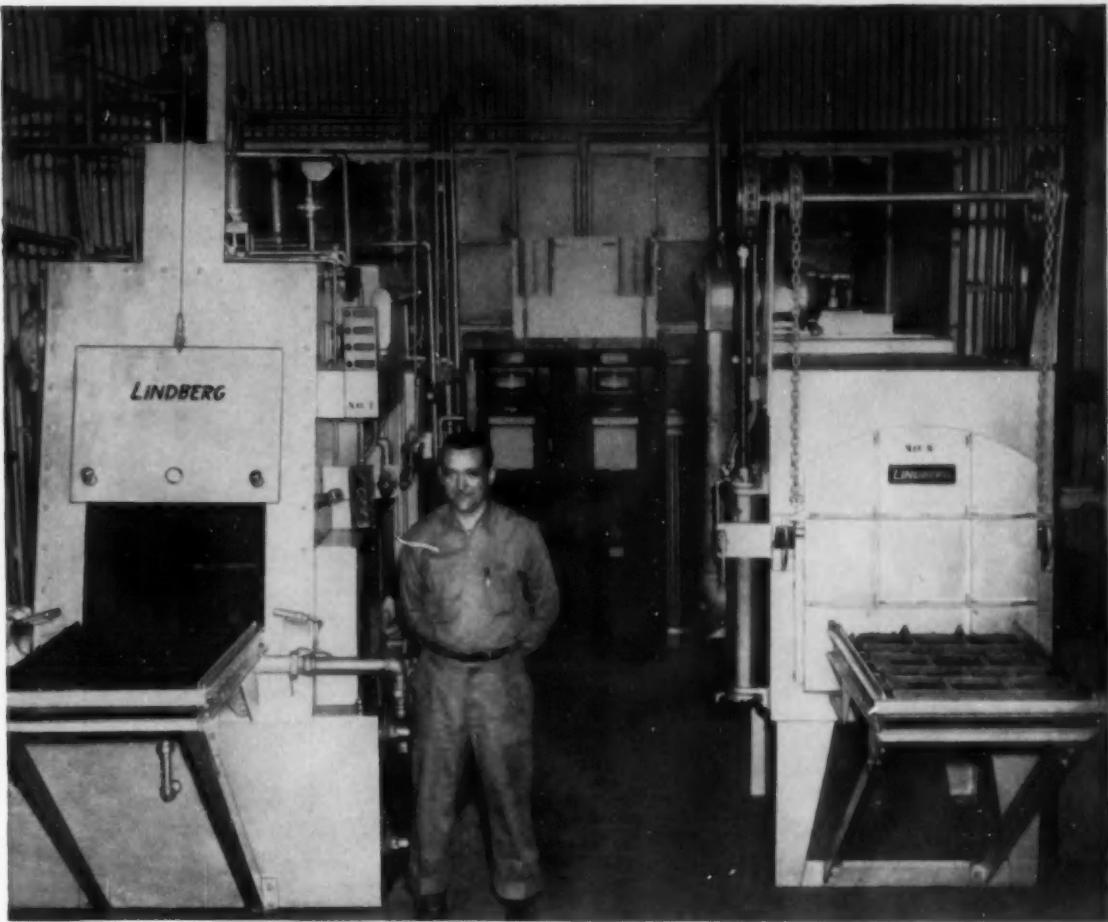
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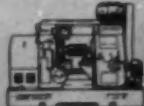
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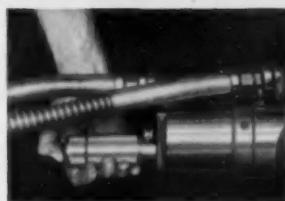
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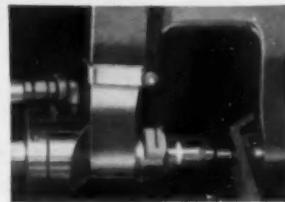
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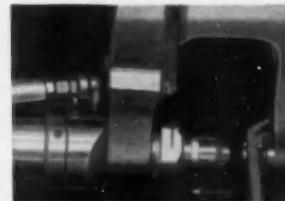
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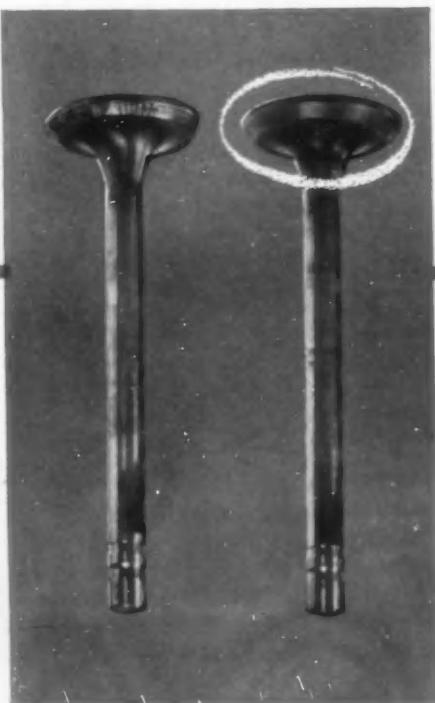
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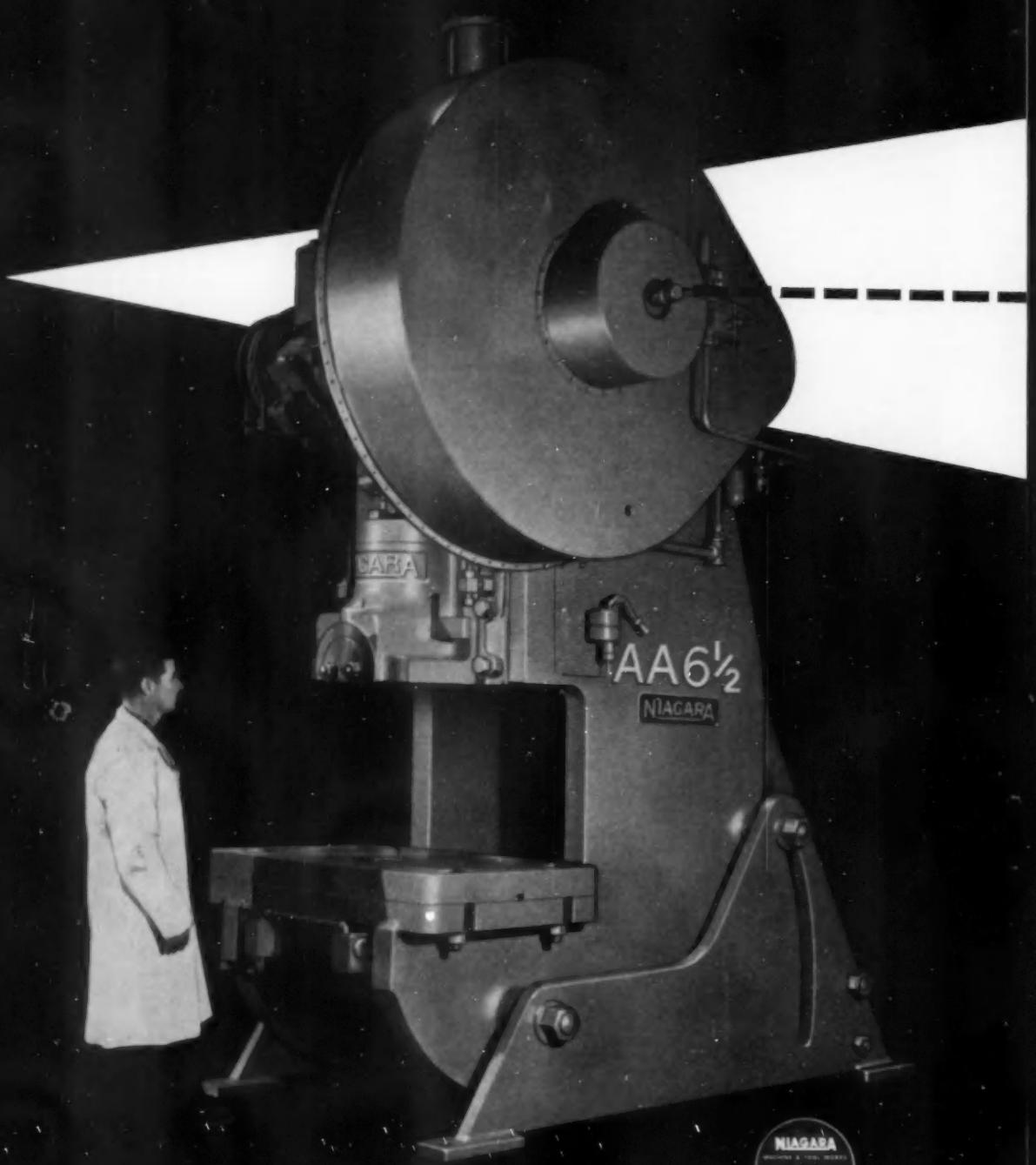
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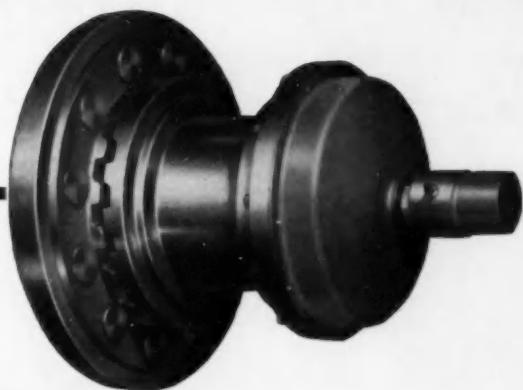


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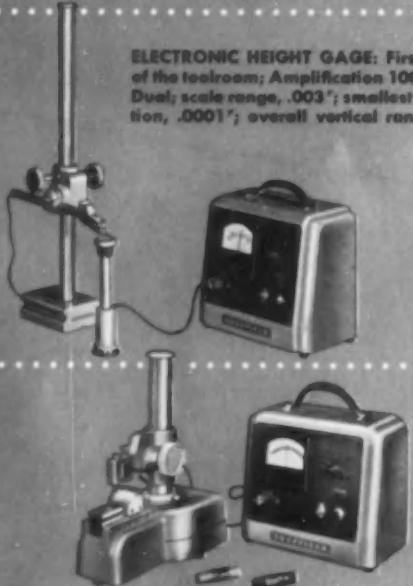
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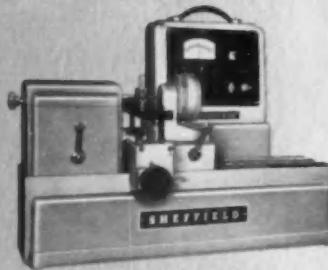
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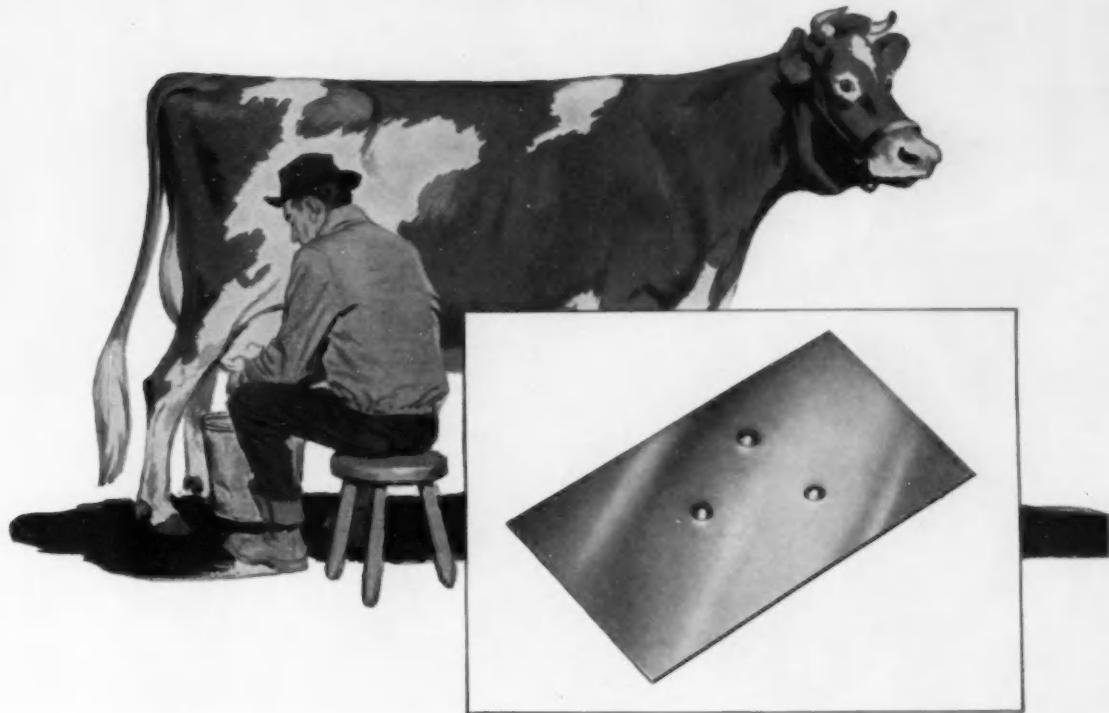


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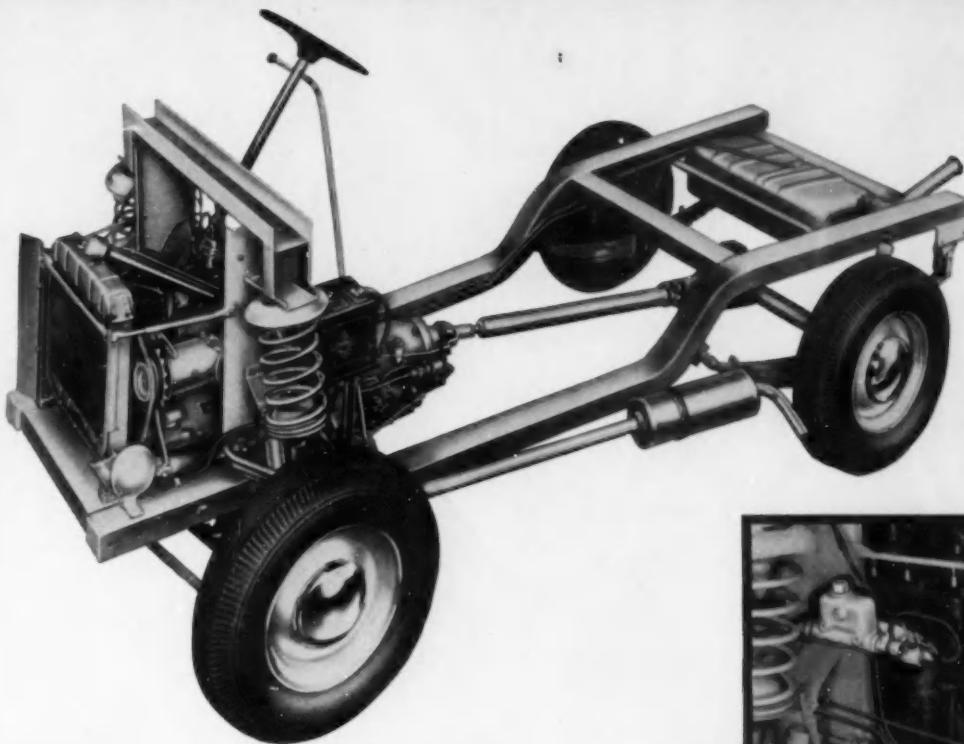


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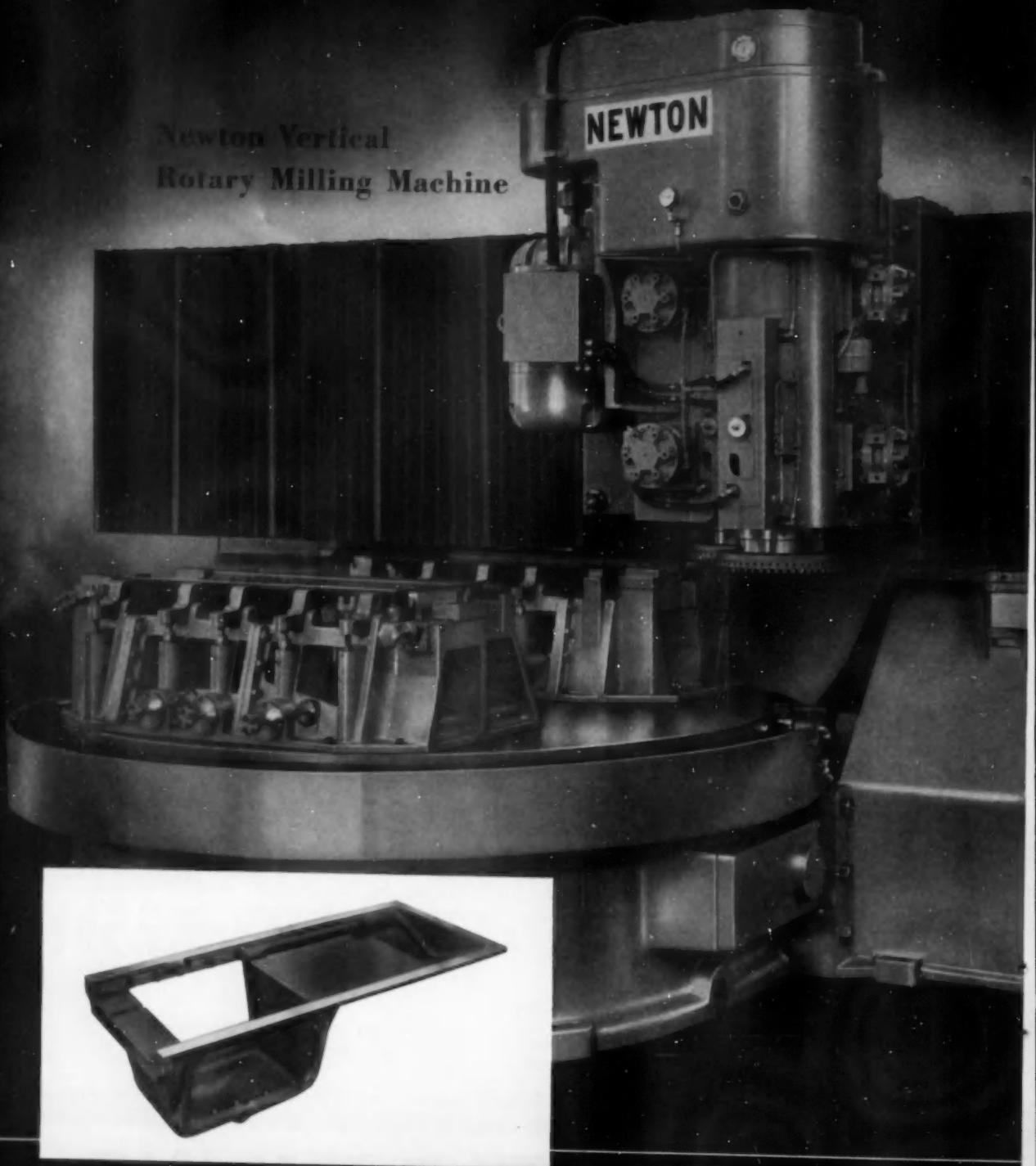
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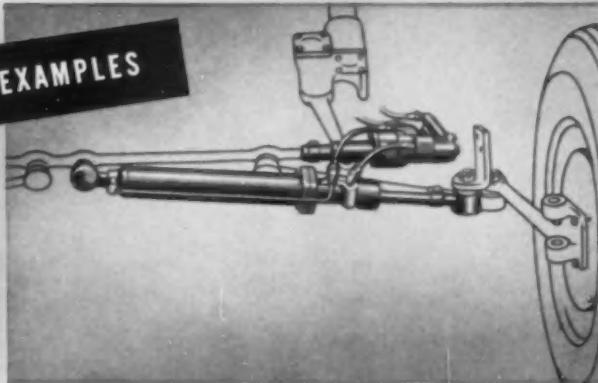
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★ Ford Expanded Tractor Plant Has Miles of Conveyors

Materials handling economies are forcefully effected at Ford Tractor and Implement Div. with numerous monorail conveyor systems. The extensive network, along with automation devices and assembly operations, is described in this account. See Page 48.

★ American Methods Fitted to German Volkswagenwerk

One of Europe's largest car factories, the huge German Volkswagenwerk, turns out about 1000 vehicles daily. How American techniques have been modified to fit special conditions and the U. S. machines used are reviewed in the article. Page 54.

★ Balancing and Assembling Chevrolet V-8 Engines

Presented here is the second in a series of articles on the new Chevrolet V-8 engine plant at Flint, Mich. After previously covering segmented automation equipment for producing engine components, the author now studies engine assembly. Page 60.

★ New Setup at Chrysler for Machining of Pistons

Quite a few changes of interest have been instituted in the Chrysler Div. Detroit plant piston machining line for the Windsor V-8 engine. Included in the innovations are two special transfer machines to aid automatic operations. Page 68.

★ Dodge Trucks for 1955

The same "Forward Look" theme promoted in its passenger car program is also reflected in Chrysler Corp.'s commercial line for 1955. New Dodge trucks, as reviewed in this story, feature a wide variety of types and body styles. See Page 70.

★ 57 New Product Items And Other High Spots, Such As:

Geneva Motor Show; improved Communist models; SAE Production Meeting; die castings for car grilles; passenger car body widths; special equipment at Du Pont laboratory; titanium conference; machine tool ball bearing conference; and ASTE annual meeting and Western Exposition.

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Chrysler to Spend \$10 Million For Expansion of Press Plant

Chrysler Corp. soon will begin construction on a 30,000 sq ft building which will ultimately expand metal stamping facilities at the Mack Ave. plant in Detroit. Estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$10 million, the expansion is part of a program started in July, 1954, to modernize fabricating assembly and painting facilities at the 2.24 million sq ft plant—the largest of 12 plants which Chrysler purchased from Briggs in 1953.

The new press plant will have a network of 1200 ft of steel conveyors to provide automatic removal of scrap metal at the rate of 2500 lb per minute. The scrap will fall from presses through chutes onto collector conveyors in the basement of the plant and then to a main conveyor, which will haul the metal to baling machines. It will then be transferred to chutes for dumping into railroad cars. The plant will also have three fully automated large press lines.

Fabricating assembly and painting facilities at the plant are scheduled for completion this September. The Mack plant builds approximately 90 per cent of the Plymouth bodies for the Detroit assembly plant, in addition to various body parts for the three other Chrysler Corp. divisions.

GMC Readies 'Dream Truck' For Limited Production

The first "dream truck" to be put into actual production will be GMC's L'Universelle $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton panel delivery, displayed for the first time at the 1955 Motorama in January (see AI, Jan. 15, page 58). Although present plans call for commercial production of the vehicle "as soon as possible," a number of engineering changes will be made first.

FAST TRACTOR

New British Diesel tractor, the Marshall M.P.6, is powered by a Leyland engine. The six-cylinder power plant of 351 cu in. displacement develops 70 bhp at 1700 rpm maximum governed speed. Transmission has six forward and two reverse gears. Weight of the tractor without water ballast is approximately 8400 lb.



Powered by a 180-hp, V-8 engine located behind and beneath the driver, the L'Universelle can be converted to serve a number of purposes. In addition to being useful as a panel delivery truck, the vehicle can be modified to serve as a taxicab, bus, and even as a station wagon. Its length, 188 in., permits installation of seats in the rear compartment to accommodate at least eight passengers.

Price and the number of units to be produced initially have not yet been set. GMC builds two other panel delivery trucks, a $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton and a $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton.

Sales of Ford Thunderbird Hit 5925 in Five Months

Ford Div. claims that sales of the Thunderbird car from Oct. 22 to the end of the year exceeded total 1954 sales of its nearest competitor (the Chevrolet Corvette). A total of 5925 Thunderbirds was delivered in the first five months the car was on the market, the division has reported. Between Oct. 22, when the car was introduced, and Dec. 31, sales totaled 2784. The Dearborn, Mich., assembly plant, the only facility which now assembles the Thunderbird, is producing the car on an overtime basis at present, according to factory reports.

Cadillac Plans To Build \$8000 Custom-Made Car

If Cadillac starts building the custom El Dorado Brougham this year, as is presently planned, it will be the first time a Motorama "dream car" will have been put into production the same year it was first displayed. While no definite price has been set for the car, it is expected to sell for about \$8000, and annual output is expected to be held to about 1000 units.

Highest-priced car in Cadillac's series, the Brougham is a four-door sedan, powered by a 280-hp V-8 engine. It has an overall length of 209 in., height of 54 in. and is built of steel with an anodized aluminum roof panel extending from the windshield to the sash at rear. The car was first shown at the GM Motorama in New York in January (see AI, Jan. 15).

Business Manager Named For Each De Soto Region

Placing new emphasis on strengthening its field staff, DeSoto is appointing a business management manager for each of its 19 regions across the country. All appointees have had previous experience as district managers and in dealer business management.

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JOSEPH S. HILDRETH



G. CARROLL BUZBY

Hildreth Elected Chilton Chairman, Buzby President

Joseph S. Hildreth has been elected chairman of the board of the Chilton Co., publishers of AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES and other leading trade and business papers.

G. Carroll Buzby was made president of the Chilton concern at a regular meeting of the board of directors held recently.

Mr. Hildreth had been president of the company since 1945. Prior to that

time, Mr. Hildreth was president of the Company's Automotive Div. He has spent 57 years in the publishing field.

Mr. Buzby, son of one of the founders of the Chilton Co., has been associated with the publication of AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES, Commercial Car Journal and Motor Age for the past 35 years.

Production Lines Rolling At Second New Ford Plant

Start of production this month at Ford Division's plant in Louisville, Ky., marks the second new plant which the division has opened in the past several weeks. Part of a program to replace older plants, the new 1.5 million sq ft assembly unit in Louisville will triple output capacity of the 30-year-old plant in that area, which is being shut.

Ford Division last month started output at a new 1.5 million sq ft assembly plant in San Jose, Calif., which replaced the old assembly facility in Richmond, Calif. A third new unit, a 1.9 million sq ft. assembly plant in Mahwah, N. J., also is expected to be placed into operation this year.

Studebaker Sees Big Increase In Its Second-Quarter Sales

Backed by the largest advertising campaign in its history, Studebaker estimates that its sales of cars and trucks will increase by 100 per cent in the April-June period over the same months last year. The company has doled out more than \$3.5 million for newspaper advertising in 1955, and several other intensive promotional and merchandising campaigns are underway. Production of Studebaker cars and trucks from January 1 to the end of March was almost double that of the same period last year in totaling 45,200 vehicles.

White Forms New Division For Non-Automotive Items

Formation of a Special Products Div. to handle the development and manufacture of a diversified line of non-automotive products has been announced by White Motor Co. Kenneth F. Ode, manager of Government contracts for White, has been appointed general manager of the division.

White has been producing a number of non-automotive products for both civilian and defense customers. In defense production, the company has made tank gun fire control equipment and currently is doing development work on various military items.



DELIVERY BOY ELECTRIFIED

Dubbed the "Pony Express," an electric platform truck with a series of mail sorting racks on the back is used to distribute correspondence at the Convair plant in Pomona, Calif. While the driver guides the truck between the 82 stops on the plant system, a mail clerk sorts those items picked up at each. Operation continues during bad weather with the aid of a removable plastic top and curtains.

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Assets of DCPI Additive Are Explained by Du Pont

Air pollution reduction, savings in fuel oil, and the possibility of obtaining new jet fuels from materials now considered unsuitable are said to be among the advantages of a new chemical additive known as DCPI. Described in a paper presented by a Du Pont chemist at the recent national meeting of the American Chemical Society, it reportedly makes heating oil burn cleaner.

It is also claimed that less smoke, reduced carbon deposits, more efficient burning, and good anti-knock properties are the results of adding less than one-tenth of one per cent of DCPI to fuel oil or gasoline. The report indicated, however, that it would not be practical to use DCPI in gasoline unless a way could be found to overcome the adverse effects of iron oxide deposits within the engine cylinder.

Car Output Optimism Prevails Despite Contract Uncertainty

Automobile plants continue to turn out cars at capacity levels as contract negotiations among the UAW-CIO, General Motors, and Ford enter the second week. Only a slight letup is expected in automobile production during April, and present schedules are geared to top 730,000 cars. If the aforementioned rate of production continues for another two months, it will easily give the industry two million vehicles for the second quarter and a total of well over four million units for the first half of the year. This optimistic forecast prevails despite uncertainties of present management-union negotiations.

A record output of more than 790,000 cars in March boosted the first quarter total to slightly over 2.1 million, the first time that more than two million automobiles have been built in any three-month period. All automobile producers, with the exception of Lincoln and Kaiser, turned out more automobiles in the first quarter of 1955 than they did in the same quarter of 1954.

GM reported that it built 1,044,398



GIANT SCRAPER FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Now offered by LeTourneau-Westinghouse Co. to the construction industry is the 8 Tournapull 23-yard, self-propelled scraper. Powered by a 293-hp Cummins or GM Diesel engine, it has 10 gear ratios ranging from 2.4 to 28.4 mph. High option lift permits free injection of any material that is being handled.

cars during the first quarter, a 48 per cent increase over the 706,319 units the corporation turned out in the same quarter last year. Output at Chrysler Corp. soared to 412,533 cars for the first three months, against 182,641 in the corresponding 1954 period. Ford Motor Co.'s production of passenger cars—including Ford, Mercury, and Lincoln—aggregated 556,712 units in the first three

months, against 468,229 in 1954.

Car sales also continue unabated, and new records may be set before the April-June quarter closes. The second quarter traditionally is considered the best selling period of the year. Preliminary sales figures for March apparently topped previous monthly records, and some industry sources estimated these as high as 700,000 units.



MIDGET FIRE TRUCK FOR CONFINED SPACES

This miniature fire truck, being tested at the Indianapolis plant of the GM Allison Div., is only 150 in. long and 48 in. wide. Able to travel inside plant aisles, it hauls 300 gal of water and two 150-ft reels of hose. The truck has a 98-in. wheelbase and is powered by a 90-hp engine with power takeoff to drive the three-piston pump.

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L-M Starts Second Shift At Another of Its Plants

High sales demand has necessitated the addition of a second work shift at the Mercury plant in Metuchen, N. J., which supplies cars to 300 of the division's dealers in the eastern sales region. Mercury sales have been climbing steadily since the beginning of the year, and in March alone were about 25 per cent higher than in the same month of 1954.

Addition of the second shift will increase total employment at the Metuchen plant to more than 3000 persons. Several weeks ago a second shift was put into operation at L-M's plant in St. Louis, and output there has been almost doubled to nearly 640 cars a day.

AC Spark Plug Set to Produce Jet Engine Fuel Control Units

AC Spark Plug Div. of General Motors Corp. has entered a new field—the design, development, and production of jet engine fuel control systems. Present work will concern controls for afterburners on several types of aircraft engines.

The new project will be concentrated in a recently leased building in Milwaukee, Wis., and production is scheduled to begin this month.

The fuel control work being done

in Milwaukee formerly was centered in GM's Rochester Products Div. The projects reportedly were moved to Milwaukee because of AC's closer association with aviation and instrument fields.

Employees' Ideas Help Industry Save Money

About one fourth of the suggestions submitted to management by employees are of value. Many of those which are adopted oftentimes result in big savings to the company.

Of the total 192,000 ideas dropped in suggestion boxes at General Motors Corp. last year, 46,995 were found practicable by the corporation. Awards paid out for these suggestions totaled \$2,467,513, a new record. Since the suggestion plan was set up at GM in 1942, 1.3 million ideas have been submitted by employees, and 310,511 have been adopted.

Station Wagons Representing 23 Per Cent of AMC Output

The increasing popularity of station wagons, which reached a record production of more than 364,000 units last year, is indicated again in a report from American Motors Corp. At present, the Rambler station wagon is accounting for more than 23 per cent of total AMC production.

Three Truck Line Prices Up An Average of Six Per Cent

Ford, Chevrolet, and GMC 1955 truck prices have been increased an average of about six per cent on "volume" lines. Due to the great number of changes in many specialized types, including Diesels, prices in some instances have been boosted much higher.

Prices announced by Chevrolet, Ford, and GMC on their volume lines indicate average increases ranging from \$10 to \$148. Although Ford boosted suggested factory retail prices on its light and medium trucks from \$10 to \$142.50, prices remain the same on several other units, such as the F-700 heavy duty, the B-700 school bus, extra heavy-duty, and the tandem axle series.

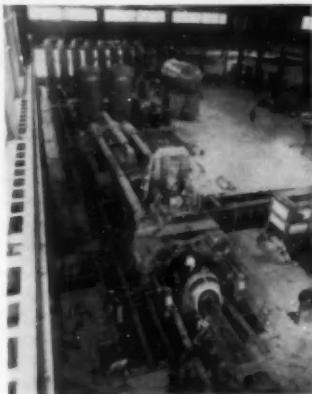
Price increases on Chevrolet trucks range on the average from \$111 on the two-ton model to \$148 on the $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton panel unit. GMC, on the other hand, estimates its price increases average about four to five per cent on the light duty trucks and two per cent on the heavy-duty jobs. For example, GMC's price on the No. 101 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton model was boosted \$69, while the 631-42A five-ton model now carries a price tag of \$6419, up \$44.50 from last year.

SAE Aeronautic Meeting To Include Seven Panels

Seven panel discussions are scheduled for the Third Annual SAE Aeronautic Production Forum in New York City on April 21. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the SAE Aeronautic Meeting on April 18, 19, and 20.

Automation will come in for its share of attention under a panel topic called "Automation and Its Effect On Manufacturing Methods." Other panels include: "Techniques For Improving Factory Communications"; "Engineering Changes in a Competitive Market"; "Taking the Dollars Out of Quality Control Without Losing Quality"; "The Effect of a Cost Reduction Program on Tooling"; "Getting Maximum Results from A Cost Reduction Program"; and "Problems in the Manufacture of Electronics Equipment."

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GIANT-SIZE PRESS

Curtiss-Wright Corp. is now producing aircraft components on this huge Loewy steel extrusion press at its Metal Processing Div. plant, Buffalo, N. Y. Said to be the largest in the world of its type, the 12,000-ton capacity unit will be used to extrude steel, titanium, and non-ferrous alloy components. The 240-ft-long press was installed jointly by the USAF Air Materiel Command and Curtiss-Wright.

Evans Ad Correction

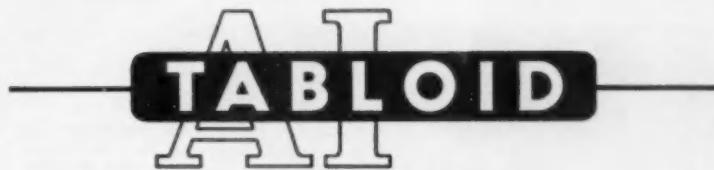
In the advertisement of the Evans Products Co. in the March 15, 1955 issue of AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES, page 535, there were two typographical errors and the statement involved should have read as follows:

"Each Evans heater has a part repair or replace warranty for one year or 50,000 miles, whichever occurs first."

Oldsmobile Produces Two Millionth V-8

The high rate of production of V-8 engines by the automobile industry to meet demands for the powerplant is pointed up again in a report from Oldsmobile. On March 29, the GM division turned out its two millionth "Rocket" V-8 engine, exactly one year after it produced the 1.5 millionth unit.

The first Oldsmobile V-8 engine came off the assembly lines in Lansing, Mich., on Nov. 3, 1948. Another GM division, Buick, recently turned out its one millionth V-8 engine. That division, however, did not bring out its V-8 until 1953.



Caterpillar Tractor Co. has introduced the new 125-hp, four-cylinder D339 Diesel engine in its industrial line. It replaces the discontinued D8800 model.

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Brooks Equipment and Manufacturing Co. has been acquired by Ingersoll Kalamazoo (Mich.) Div. of Borg-Warner Corp. . . . Panellit, Inc., has taken over Jordan Electronic Mfg. Co., Inc.

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General Electric Co. is offering advance prototypes of exhaust gas thermocouples free of charge to jet engine manufacturers.

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Scintilla Div. of Bendix Aviation Corp. is erecting a new \$2 million building at its Sidney, N. Y., plant to consolidate various departments.

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Jervis B. Webb Co. of California has moved into new offices in its factory building at 9301 Rayo Ave., South Gate, Calif. . . . The Los Angeles District office of Norton Co. has moved to 5905 Pacific Blvd., Huntington Park, Calif.

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Univ. of Maryland last month dedicated its new \$8.5 million Glenn L. Martin Institute.

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Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. plans to build a new plant near Valencia, Venezuela . . . Owens-Illinois Glass Co. will erect a new plant close to Havana, Cuba.

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Pratt & Whitney Aircraft is presenting the first J-57 engine to be built to the Smithsonian Institution.

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Dedication ceremonies for the new \$1 million plant of R. M. Hollingshead Corp. at Sunnyvale, Calif., are scheduled for May 12.

Chain Belt Co. has purchased 47 acres near Downers Grove, Ill., to expand its Shafer Bearing Div. . . . Minneapolis - Honeywell Regulator Co. will erect a new \$1.75 million factory in Chicago, Ill.

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Baldwin - Lima - Hamilton Corp. has signed an AEC contract for a study of a new nuclear power, reciprocating locomotive engine . . . Rolls-Royce will produce new horizontal type Diesel engine for railroad use.

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All American Engineering Co. is using a new jet-powered test car in the development of arresting gear for high-speed aircraft. It is powered by two Allison J33-A8 engines.

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New Home Coach Co. is now producing house trailers with a one-piece reinforced plastic roof.

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Borg-Warner Corp. reportedly will acquire or build more plants on the West Coast . . . Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co. has also expressed an interest in West Coast expansion.

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Hartford Special Machinery Co. has purchased the complete line of Rockwell Hydraulic Drill Units from Rockwell Mfg. Co.

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Parker-Kalon Div. of General American Transportation Corp. is building a new manufacturing plant at Clifton, N. J. . . . Hyde Spring and Wire Co. will erect a new factory at Brantford, Ont.

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Kysor Heater Co. will offer to the trucking industry this summer a new self-powered, roof-mounted air conditioning unit.

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The PMCO 7ST, said to be the largest three-phase spot welder in the world, was built especially for Sciaky Research Div. for the development of aircraft structural fabrication. Capable of delivering 300,000 amp of welding current and 38,000 lb pressure, it will weld $\frac{1}{4}$ in. to $\frac{1}{2}$ in. aluminum to rigid specifications. Capabilities on other materials include $\frac{1}{2}$ in. and $\frac{1}{2}$ in. mild steel, 1 in. to 1 in. pickled mild steel, $\frac{7}{16}$ in. to $\frac{7}{8}$ in. scaly mild steel, and .375 to .375 stainless steel welded to specifications.

Resistance Welding Center Is Set Up by Sciaky Bros.

Sciaky Bros., Inc., held "open house" at their Western Research Div., 2311 Purdue Avenue, West Los Angeles, Calif., on March 30. Said to be the largest manufacturer of electric resistance welders in the world, Sciaky has plants in Chicago, London and Paris.

The Research Div. specializes entirely in resistance welding and its related problems. Provision has been made for special laboratories, testing machines, metal preparation, machine shop, and a complete line of welding machines in the modern 15,000 sq ft building.

Location of the research center on the West Coast was considered necessary in view of the great amount of research and development being undertaken by the aircraft and electronic industries in that area. Its facilities are readily available to all who may have need of them.

Broad Program of Activity

A broad and thorough program has been laid out by the Research Div. In general, two plans are being followed: First, specific problems or investigations desired by users or potential users of the resistance welding process; and, second, basic research into concerns its behavior with various metals; variations in conditions; and the development of adequate instrumentation, monitoring and inspection.

Other phases of the research program involve the development of technical information, such as application, joint patterns, structural qualities, and the economics of resistance welding design. These data will be made available to industry through such media as a specialized technical library, periodicals, special bulletins, conferences, and special research programs.

Boeing 1954 Sales Exceed \$1 Billion

Boeing Airplane Co. has reported 1954 sales of \$1,033 billion. Net earnings after taxes were \$36.9 million, against \$20.3 million in 1953.

MARCH CAR OUTPUT GREATEST OF ANY MONTH EVER 1955 Passenger Car Production

As reported direct to Automotive Industries by the car factories

	March 1955	February 1955	March 1954	1955	1954	Three Months
Hudson	10,345	6,058	10,954	10,379	6,365	
Naeh	15,828	9,896	5,604	30,119	20,494	
Total—American Motors	26,284	15,757	8,569	49,490	26,659	
Chrysler	23,520	17,063	9,911	58,093	31,192	
De Soto	15,813	14,007	6,034	43,209	20,822	
Dodge	35,200	31,392	11,308	99,397	31,094	
Plymouth	79,680	68,065	30,039	211,794	99,573	
Total—Chrysler Motors	154,221	130,530	66,312	412,533	182,641	
Ford	157,872	137,178	134,946	430,808	360,620	
Lincoln	4,479	3,709	4,587	11,064	12,837	
Mercury	39,798	34,870	29,066	107,010	86,672	
Total—Ford Motors	201,907	175,754	168,614	566,712	466,229	
Fiat	79,034	64,117	50,090	205,576	131,775	
Cadillac	15,394	13,497	12,230	43,016	25,767	
Chevrolet	173,031	153,493	131,151	461,042	356,709	
Oldsmobile	88,593	80,287	30,960	187,286	80,908	
Pontiac	59,384	49,602	38,526	157,486	99,100	
Total—General Motors	388,936	330,906	268,705	1,044,399	706,319	
Packard	8,441	6,230	3,916	19,064	11,613	
Studebaker	16,147	14,912	7,080	42,855	25,159	
Total—S-P Corp.	24,588	21,142	10,976	62,819	36,772	
Kaiser	1,644	1,570	929	4,346	1,087	
Willys	1,644	1,570	1,725	4,346	3,207	
Total—Willys Motors	1,644	1,570	2,654	4,346	5,084	
Total—All Makes	794,800	679,719	529,930	2,130,106	1,429,914	

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Ford to Build New Facility For Testing Farm Equipment

A new outdoor Evaluation Center for tractors and farm equipment, which reportedly will combine the best features of automobile test tracks and present farm equipment laboratories, will be built by Tractor and Implement Div. of Ford Motor Co. The facility will be located on a four-acre plot at the division general offices, Birmingham, Mich.

The compact center will have four "torture" courses inside a one-third mile oval test track. Engineers will use them to put experimental and production tractors and farm equipment through intensive tests simulating field conditions.

The four torture courses will include an obstacle course and hydraulic testing area, a "rumble" course, and two "pitch and twist" courses. The facility is so designed that a truck equipped with electronic recording devices will be able to follow tractors and farm equipment through the torture courses to evaluate performance.

White Motor May Acquire Pittsburgh Engine Firm

If White Motor Co. acquires the Engine Div. of National Supply Co. of Pittsburgh, Pa., as planned, the truck company would have an additional 120 sales distribution outlets for its Diesel engines. These outlets are located principally in oil-producing areas throughout the world, and National Supply would act as distributor for White in those locations, if proposed arrangements between the two companies work out.

Two-Month Chrysler Profits Exceed Total 1954 Earnings

Chrysler's resurgence in the automobile sales market is pointed up in the first financial report released for 1955. During the first two months, Chrysler earnings surpassed the total for the entire year of 1954. The corporation did not reveal the figures for the two-month period, but earnings in 1954 totaled \$18,516 million.

Chrysler estimates that its sales for the first quarter approximated \$935

BEST CAR, TRUCK, BUS TOTAL IN HISTORY SET IN FEBRUARY

1955 U. S. Motor Vehicle Factory Sales*

	Passenger Cars	Trucks	Buses	1955	1954	Totals
January	636,242	69,676	190	726,108	661,134	
February	676,254	67,081	176	745,481	534,146	
Total—Two Months	1,314,496	156,757	366	1,471,589	1,095,270	

1955 U. S. Motor Truck Factory Sales by G.V.W.*

	5,000 lb. and less	5,001- 10,000	10,001- 16,000	16,001- 19,500	19,501- 26,000	Over 26,000	Total
January	42,398	15,055	4,089	16,510	4,741	3,279	3,636
February	30,036	11,277	2,048	11,948	3,875	3,380	3,099
Total—2 Mos. 1955	72,432	26,322	6,704	28,459	8,616	6,659	7,035
Total—2 Mos. 1954	64,933	33,702	8,815	33,391	7,573	10,215	6,679

* Automotive Manufacturers Association.

million. This would amount to more than 45 per cent of sales for all of 1954, which totaled \$2,071 billion.

The company's dealers have sent in more than 970,000 orders since the 1955 cars were introduced last fall.

Since Chrysler Corp. plants had turned out 700,000 cars up to March 30, a backlog of 270,000 units is still indicated. Production is running at about a 34,000-a-week rate, compared to 15,000 last year.

At present, Chrysler Corp. is producing about 19 per cent of all the cars, only one per cent under its minimum goal of 20 per cent for 1955. Retail sales are now accounting for about 18 per cent of the total car market.

Douglas Records 1954 As Outstanding Year

Douglas Aircraft Co., Santa Monica, Calif., reported 1954 was its most profitable year, with earnings rising to \$36,156,000, or \$14.70 a share, from \$18,586,000, or \$7.73 a share in 1953. Sales totaled \$915,216,000 against \$874,515,000 in 1953. While military sales amounted to \$756 million, commercial sales of \$159 million were the highest in the company's history, it was reported.

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1955 RETAIL CAR SALES BY PRICE GROUPS*

Number of Sales

Price Group	1955		1954	
	Units†	% of Total	Units†	% of Total
Under \$2,000	220,677	90.46	203,727	80.04
\$2,001 to \$2,500	142,822	32.61	90,364	28.63
\$2,501 to \$3,500	66,058	13.27	33,353	9.83
Over \$3,500	16,013	3.68	11,864	3.90
Total	437,370	100.00	330,300	100.00

Dollar Volume of Sales*

Price Group	1955		1954	
	Dollars	% of Total	Dollars	% of Total
Under \$2,000	\$419,736,496	42.08	\$371,124,728	52.21
\$2,001 to \$2,500	332,525,798	33.82	269,286,580	29.08
\$2,501 to \$3,500	165,470,308	16.83	91,107,183	12.82
Over \$3,500	65,577,060	6.67	43,290,489	6.08
Total	\$962,308,860	100.00	\$710,816,060	100.00

* Calculated on basis of new car registrations, as reported by R. L. Polk & Co., in conjunction with advertised delivered price at factory of four-door sedan or equivalent model. Does not include transportation charges or extra equipment.

† New registrations of American made cars only. Does not include imported foreign cars.

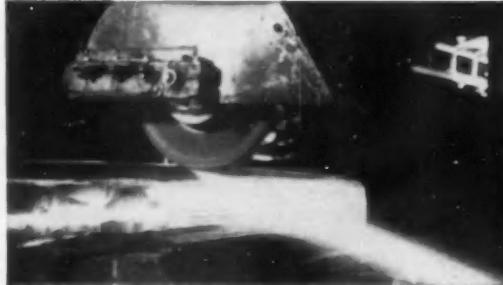
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Men in the News



Packard Div., Studebaker-Packard Corp.—**Dan O'Madigan, Jr.**, has been appointed general sales manager.

Purolator Products, Inc.—**James D. Abeles** has been elected president and chief executive officer, succeeding **Ralph R. Layte**, now vice-chairman of the board of directors. **H. Joseph Markert** was named executive vice-president.

Chrysler Corp.—**Paul W. Auble** has been appointed staff management development coordinator; **Norman H. Deunk**, staff assistant to the vice-president and director of industrial relations; **James S. Ross**, executive assistant to the vice-president and general manager of trucks, Dodge Div.; **Fred Osann, Jr.**, director of forward planning for the Automotive Body Div.; **Ledyard Mitchell, Jr.**, director of forward planning for Chrysler Div.; **William M. Williams**, manager of the Detroit Tank Plant; and **Hayward F. York**, operating manager of the Jet Engine Plant.

Warner & Swazey Co.—**Charles J. Stillwell** has been elected chairman of the board, and **Walter K. Bailey** has been elected president.

AC Spark Plug Div., General Motors Corp.—**Joseph K. Decker** has been appointed director of purchases.

Minnesota Mining & Mfg. Co.—**Louis F. Weyand** has been named sales director.

Cummins Engine Co., Inc.—**Paul J. Every** has been named assistant general sales manager.

Micromatic Hone Corp.—**Don S. Connor** has been named general manager; **William H. Harris, Jr.**, vice-president and assistant general manager; and **R. G. Ellis**, chief engineer.

Rochester Products Div., General Motors Corp.—**Richard T. Mansfield** was named comptroller.

Solar Aircraft Co.—**Cyril D. Oberg** was named manager of aircraft and engine component sales, and **William F. Cords** was made his assistant.



Chrysler Div., Chrysler Corp.—**Clare E. Briggs** has been appointed assistant to the president in charge of sales, and **Burton R. Durkee** has been named director of advertising and merchandising.

Hall-Scott Motors Co.—**A. G. Baxter** has been appointed sales manager.

Russell, Burdsall & Ward Bolt & Nut Co.—**John S. Davey** has been promoted to vice-president.

Convair Div., General Dynamics Corp.—**Dr. Frederic de Hoffmann** has been appointed assistant vice-president for nuclear planning.

National Broach & Machine Co. — **D. Pierson Smith** was elected vice-president in charge of sales.



Plymouth Engine Div., Chrysler Corp.—**Hector M. De Brabant** has been appointed manager.

Studebaker-Packard Corp.—**Charles R. Herrick** has been promoted to general traffic manager.

Consolidated Engineering Corp.—**Francis T. Greenup** has been appointed chief design engineer.



National Vulcanized Fibre Co.—**Henry C. Gahl** has been named manager of engineering, while **Gerard A. Albert** has been made manager of manufacturing.

AC Spark Plug Div., General Motors Corp.—**Henry P. Stanley** has been advanced to director of aviation sales.



Bell Aircraft Corp.—**O. A. Pfaff**, president and general manager of American Wheelabrator & Equipment Corp., was elected to the board of directors.

Aro Equipment Corp., Air Tool Div.—**Gene R. Voigt** has been chosen assistant to the general manager.

John Hassall, Inc.—**Perry E. Hall** and **Harry H. Rains** have been elected to the board of directors.

Electric Products Co.—**G. J. Doss** is now manager of marketing.

Necrology

Walter N. Potter, 60, general manager of United Motors Service Div., General Motors Corp., died March 25, at San Francisco, Calif.

Clarence B. Hayes, 88, founder of the former Hayes Wheel Co. and chairman of the board of Hayes Industries, Inc., died April 1, at Jackson, Mich.

John T. Gallatin, 51, vice-president of Detroit Harvester Co., died March 31, on an airplane to Cleveland, O.

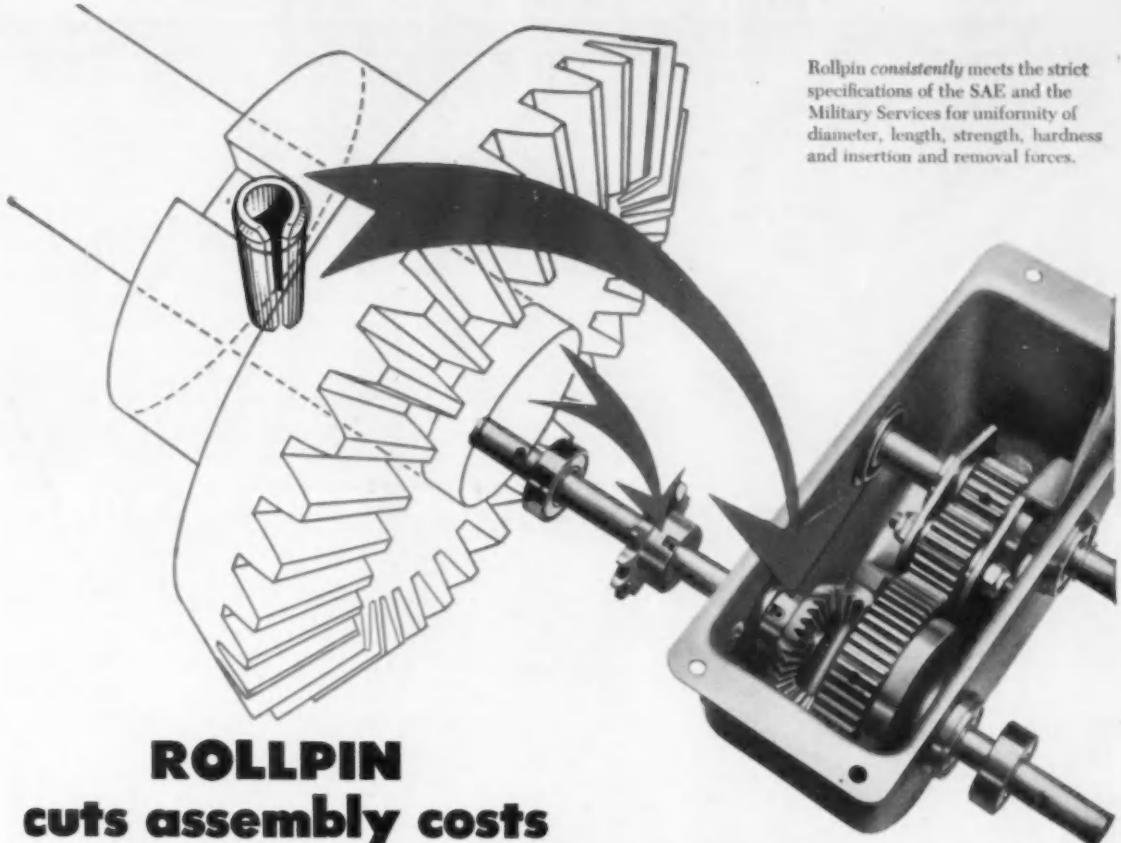
Fred F. Harroff, 58, former general manager of the Lamp Div., General Electric Co., died March 27, at Asheville, N. C.

Harry B. Lilley, 54, district manager of the Steel and Tube Div., Timken Roller Bearing Co., died March 24, at Detroit, Mich.

Carl Becker, 53, executive assistant to the vice-president of Electric Auto-Lite Co., died March 16, at Toledo, O.

James D. M. Ray, 61, aeronautical engineer, died March 24, at Toronto, Ont.





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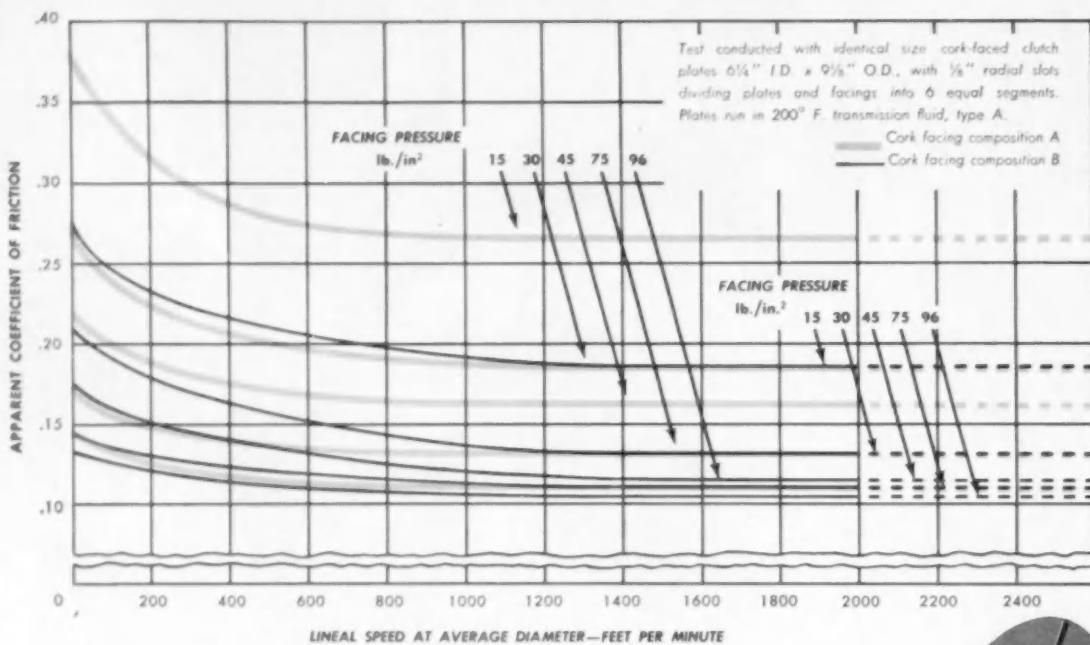
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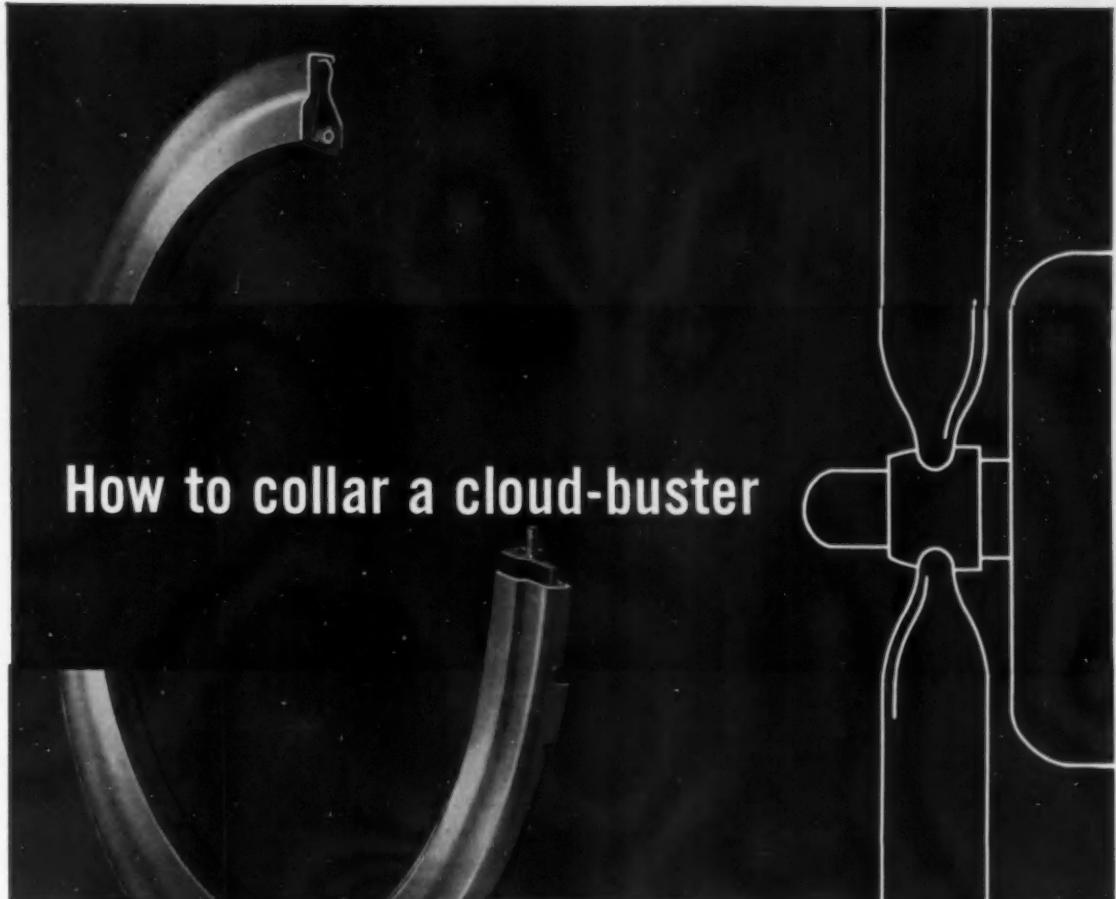
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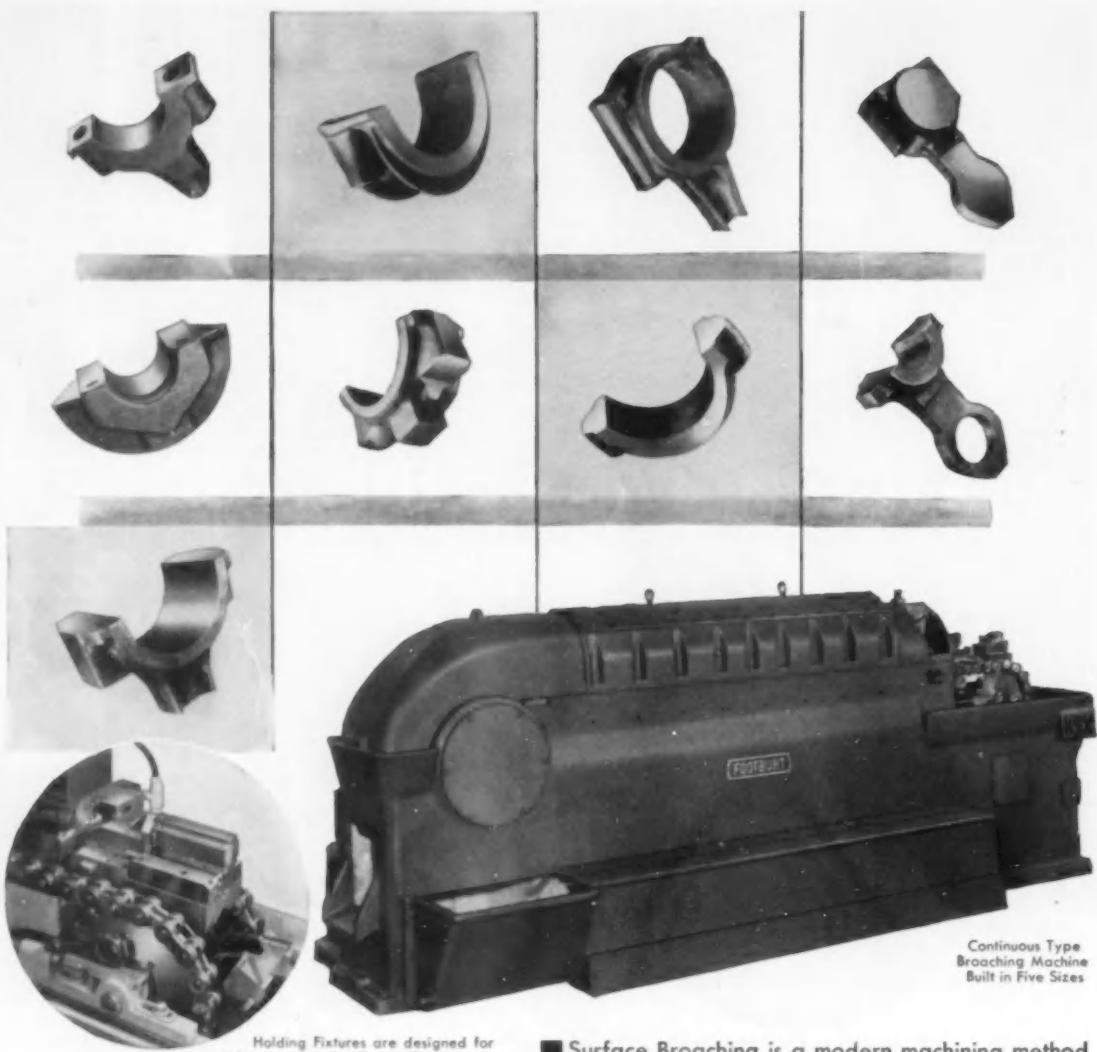
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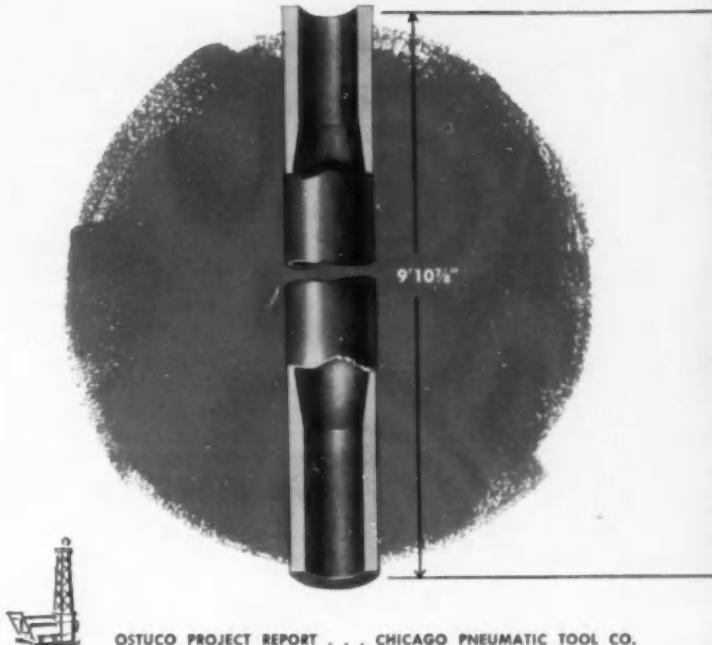
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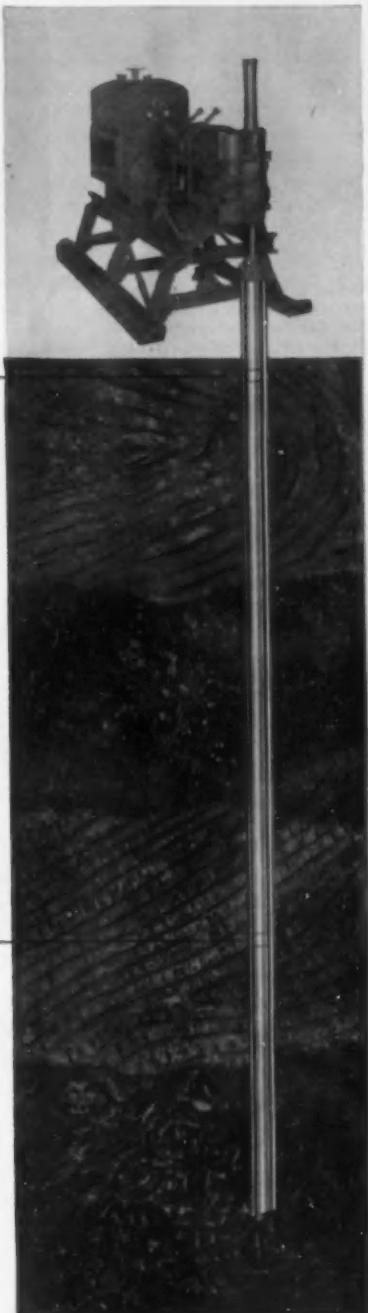
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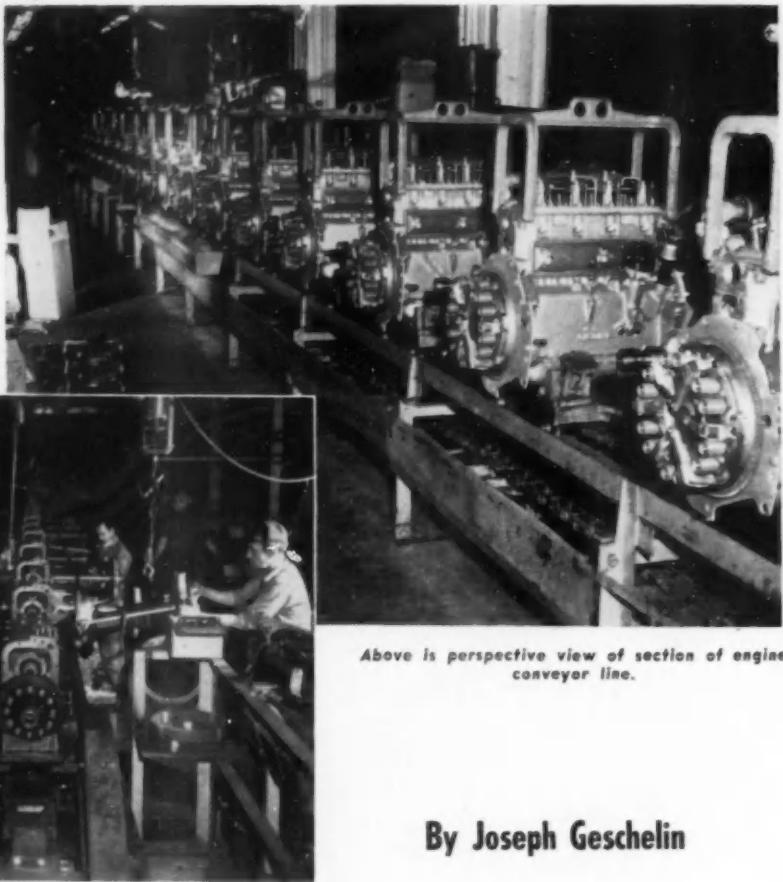
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Below is view of rear axle assembly being completed on the special conveyor ahead of assembly with the transmission.



Above is perspective view of section of engine conveyor line.

By Joseph Geschelin

Ford Expanded Tractor Plant Has Over Four Miles of Conveyors

WITH the introduction of the expanded line of tractor models for 1955, Ford Tractor Implement Division unveiled its advanced facilities for the manufacture and assembly of farm tractors at the Ford Highland Park plant. It is significant that some years ago (see AI, January 1, 1948) when tractor operations were first moved to Highland Park, material handling was considered a basic element in the manufacturing scheme. The same philosophy governed the development of the new plant, except for the amazing advances in techniques initiated during the intervening years.

The new plant, greatly expanded in scope, boasts around 32 different monorail conveyor systems total-

ing some 22,089 ft of conveyors. The inter-plant conveyor, the longest in the network, is about 2117 ft long. It transports 11 different parts such as cylinder blocks, cylinder heads, housings and cases, etc., from machining operations to the interplant washer, then to the unloading station for storing.

In addition to the network of conveyor systems of all types, automation devices of various types have been installed to further eliminate manual handling even to the functions of loading and unloading. Threading the heat treating department and serving transmission assembly is a group of some 10 unique automation stacking units developed for Ford by Michigan Production Engineering. These tall stacking

units represent the latest development in automation equipment, designed specifically for storing racks or baskets of parts of a variety of kinds to provide banks which can be drawn at will by the operator.

Just two years ago (see AI, February 1, 1953) we recorded the introduction of advanced transfer type equipment for machining cylinder blocks and heads for the then new Golden Jubilee four-cylinder overhead valve engine. Counting this equipment Ford now has a total of 17 transfer machines in its Tractor Plant, including three enormous Cross Transfematic machines on transmission cases.

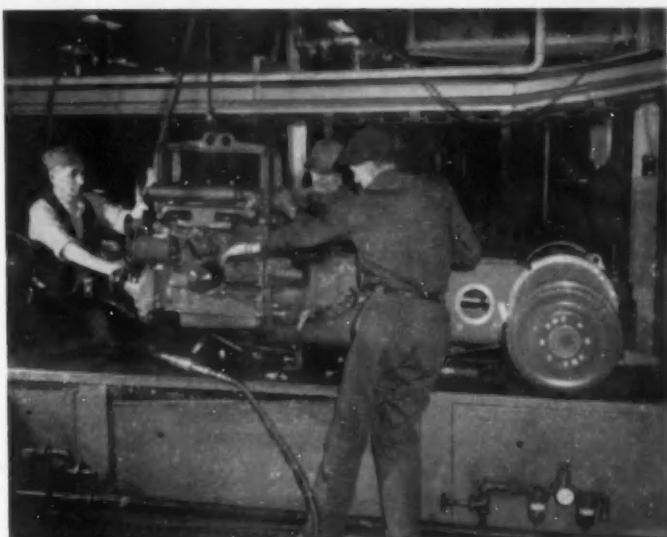
To simplify the problem of visualizing this important operation, the present article will be devoted entirely to a highspotting of automation, material handling, and assembly operations. The next article in this series will touch on the highlights of transfer machines, some comment on gear production and testing. Even a series of survey articles necessarily will fail to do justice to the overall picture.

In commenting on features of the assembly operation, it is interesting to note that scheduling is handled by Teletypewriter equipment consisting of a master sending station and nine receiving stations. The latter are spotted in the following basic locations: transmission assembly, engine assembly, center housing machining, axle housing, front axle and pedestal, instrument panel assembly, tire assembly, gas tank and hood sub-assembly. This system of communications is vital in handling the variety of tractor models, two different basic engines, and variations in basic elements such as the four- and five-speed transmissions and live power take-off.

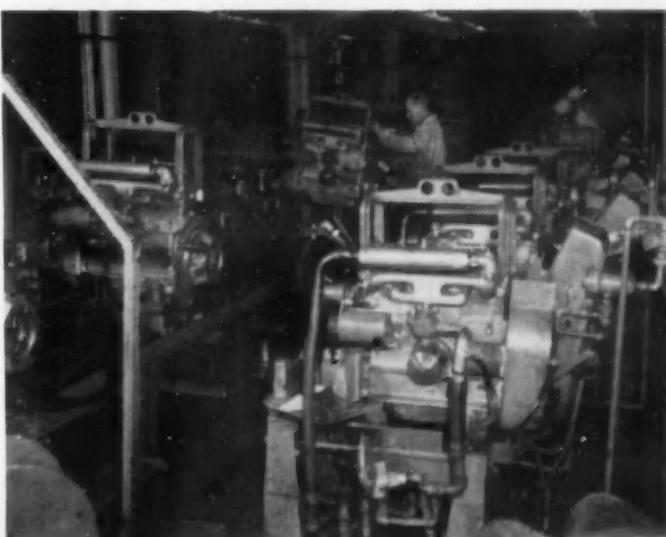
Let us start first with final assembly operations. At the extreme end of the assembly department is prepared the rear axle assembly. Rear axles move on a conveyor to a slat conveyor section for installation of the transmission, followed by engine installation to complete the backbone of the tractor. Nearing the end of the slat conveyor, the engine is fitted with a sling for attachment to a hook on the monorail assembly conveyor. The conveyor also carries a large sling which is designed to engage the rear axle at both ends, making engagement automatically. The monorail dips downward to the slat conveyor, engages the backbone, lifts it off the conveyor and becomes a

part of the final assembly line from this point on.

At this point are installed the front axle, hydraulic lift mechanism, and other minor parts. Then the conveyor changes direction to transport the major sub-assembly to the paint shop on the second floor. Here the conveyor enters the first stage of the paint system—a large Mahon water back spray booth. As a tractor is about to enter the booth, an electric eye triggers automatic spray guns mounted on the lower edge of the booth, painting the underbody auto-



Engine assembly meets the transmission on the slat type buckle-up conveyor.



All engines are hot tested in this department. They are run under power, checked for oil and water pressure, and valve clearance adjusted.

matically. Two operators in the booth then spray the chassis from both sides in conventional manner.

Leaving the paint booth the chassis enters a Mahon drying oven some 1824 ft in length, the last stage of the oven being a cooling tunnel, lowering the temperature of the mass sufficiently to enable operators to handle it safely.

As the chassis leave the exit end of the drying oven they continue on the overhead conveyor which, at this point, becomes another sub-assembly line for installation of wiring harness, fenders, and instrument panels.

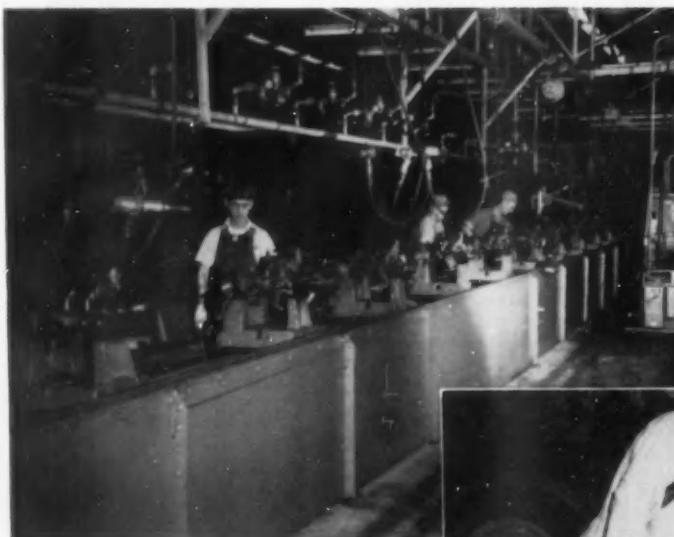
The overhead conveyor changes direction again, moves down to the assembly floor to meet the final assembly slat conveyor onto which the chassis is lowered, the rear axle hooks disengaging automatically. Just before the drop is made, wheel and tire assemblies are installed and fastenings made up, using six-spindle pneumatic nut runners. The slat conveyor is flush with the floor, 78-in. wide, 430 ft long. As the chassis proceed on this line, operators install gas tanks, hood assembly sheet metal, and

other parts required to complete the final assembly. Near the end of the line the conveyor is enveloped by an overhead closed rail system, carrying 1250-lb weights for testing the operation of the hydraulic hoist mechanism. The weights are suspended from hoists, lowered into place by the operator for inspection.

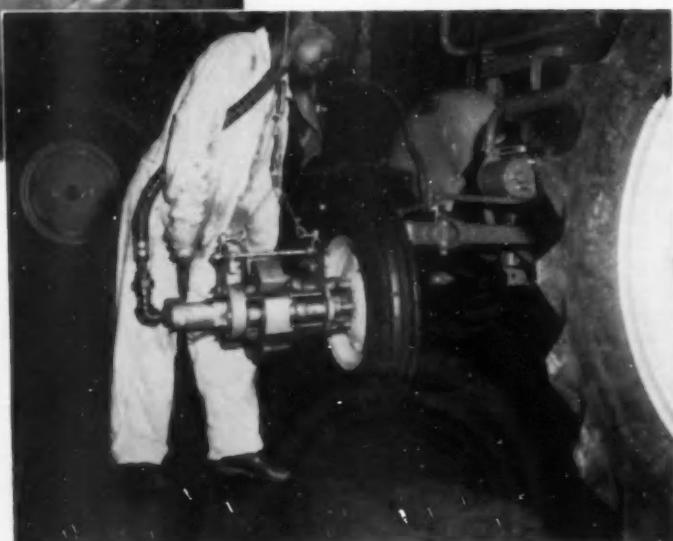
Meanwhile, sheet metal parts such as fenders, hoods, etc., received from outside stamping sources, including Dearborn, are mounted on revolving cylindrical fixtures, two sets to a fixture, and move on an overhead conveyor line to the paint shop on the second floor. Fixtures move first through a Mahon washer, then a drying oven, then enter a Mahon water back type paint booth where they are painted automatically.

Distinctive feature of the automatic paint system is the installation of four Schweitzer Equipment automatic spray gun cabinets, two for interior spray, two for the exterior. As the cylindrical fixtures enter the first station, they are caused to revolve in one direction while the interior is given its first coat; then the fixture is moved to the next station where it is revolved in the opposite direction for application of the second coat. The same procedure is followed in applying the two exterior coats in the second battery of automatic spray machines. Following touchup the fixtures go through a drying oven and the parts then are ready for installation.

One of the major improvements in techniques is the installation of a rear wheel and tire assembly conveyor complete with automation. About 120 ft in length, this conveyor incorporates an automatic



Hydraulic lift assemblies—a major feature—are assembled on this power driven conveyor in an air-conditioned area.



As tires are mounted on the suspended chassis, all six wheel lug nuts are tightened simultaneously by means of this Thor pneumatic multiple nut runner.

mounting station in which the tire is rolled over the rim, an inflation station, automatic pick-up and automatic drop-off.

In addition to the network of conveyors and supplementary automation devices mentioned above, Ford has installed some unique automation equipment de-

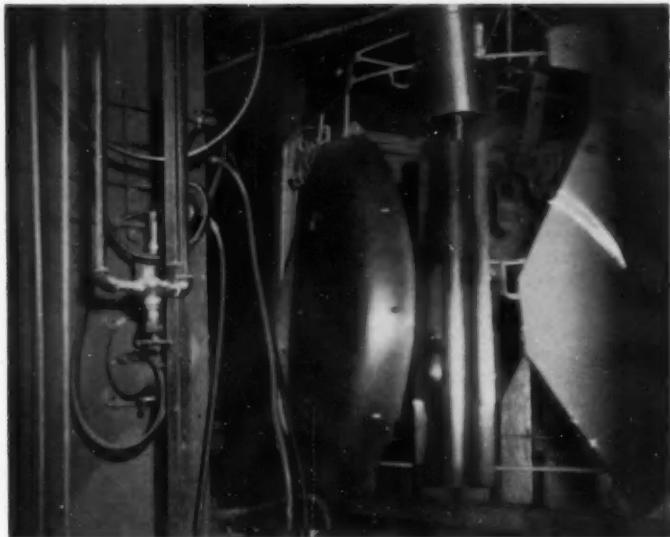
signed primarily to facilitate storage and distribution of banks of parts. Among these is a group of ten or more tall storage racks, appearing to the eye as multiple tiers of gravity roller conveyor sections. Located in the heat treat section, they are designed to store baskets of gears and shafts after green machining, ready for heat treat; and following heat treat ready for grinding. Each of these storage racks is equipped with an intricate system of electronic control, making it a simple matter for an operator to schedule baskets of parts for storing on a specific tier and unloading according to schedule from any tier.

Each of these racks is served by an elevator at one end. This provides the means for sorting as well as unloading. There is also a system of automatic unloaders, located primarily in the heat treat areas, designed to unload baskets automatically from the overhead feeder conveyor, depositing them on the gravity roller conveyor leading to the elevator serving the storage racks. Similar devices serve to pick up baskets unloaded from the storage racks and attach them automatically to the conveyor going to the grinding department.

It is also a matter of interest that the entire operation of producing and assembling the hydraulic lift units has been centralized in a separate area, held under conditions of constant temperature and dust free. The department is equipped with a large tunnel type Centri-Spray washer for chemically cleaning all component parts. A battery of special test machines also is provided for checking the operation of each assembly.

Still another distinctive automation device is the Service Conveyor carousel storage unit. There are six of these compact units spotted in the transmission gear department to provide a 16-hour stock float. Baskets of parts enter the unit and are moved along the serpentine-shaped conveyor for storing until the parts are required. This arrangement is said to increase machine operating efficiency, reduce handling, and reduce manual effort.

Another article devoted to Ford's Highland Park plant will appear in an early issue.



Large sheet metal parts, two sets at a time, are mounted on special cylindrically shaped fixtures for automatic spraying in a large Mahon booth. This is a close-up of one of the fixtures, mounted on a revolving head at the conveyor. One of the automatic spray gun machines may be seen at the extreme left.

On the slot type final assembly conveyor. One of the major steps is that of testing the operation of the hydraulic lift mechanism. Here may be seen the 1250-lb weight attached to the lift mechanism, loading the lift to permit final adjustments for stopping and starting positions.



The Swiss Passenger Car Market

Registration Figures

According to Makes

(makes with over 1000 registrations in 1954)

	1954	1953
Volkswagen	8972	8235
Opel	7246	5595
Ford		
(all countries)	4351	3589
Fiat	3906	3851
Mercedes-Benz	1663	717
Renault	1378	1098
Chevrolet	1335	1365
Peugeot	1300	1269
Plymouth	1242	1216
DKW	1080	523
Vauxhall	1042	1034

Registration Figures According to Countries of Origin

	22,833	17,677
USA	5,271	5,234
France	4,653	4,324
Great Britain	4,572	4,264
Italy	4,280	4,112
Tcheco-slovakia	111	88
Others	6	15
Total	41,726	35,714

Registration Figures of American Makes

	1335	1365
Chevrolet	1242	1216
Ford	627	525
Studebaker	511	540
Willys (Universal Jeep)	426	327
Buick	168	113
Nash	153	215
Dodge	141	151
Hudson	126	85
Willys	105	169
Oldsmobile	93	101
Chrysler	81	82
Cadillac	74	89
Mercury	69	75
Pontiac	64	101
De Soto	24	44
Lincoln	17	24
Packard	10	6
Kaiser	5	6

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New and Old Vehicles Displayed at Swiss Show

By Robert Braunschweig

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND

THE 25th International Geneva Motor Show, held March 10 to 20, featured an exhibition of historic motor vehicles in addition to the latest products available. Newest of the vehicles was Fiat's rear-engined 600 Model which was described and illustrated in the April 1 issue of AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES. The historic motor vehicle show displayed approximately 30 automobiles between 70 and 15 years old. This attractive exhibition was held in celebration of the 25th international show and included such vehicles as the 1886 Daimler, a 1898 Oldsmobile, a 1906 Ford, a 145 mph "razor blade" Panhard racing car of 1925 and the Chenard & Walcker 1.1 litre winner of the 1926 Le Mans race.

Technical advancements and new models included the following: Fiat 1100 TV two-passenger sports convertible with wrap-around windshield; Mercedes-Benz 190 SL two-passenger sports convertible in production form; Maserati two litre, two-passenger sports roadster; and various special bodies by Swiss and Italian manufacturers.

Among the U. S. cars the Studebaker second series 1955 with ultra vista windshield and the Speedster with a 188-hp engine were shown for the first time.

New commercial equipment included a Saurer underfloor bus engine with mechanical supercharger on a 220-hp engine, Hanowag 4x4 cross country truck, and Morris truck with five litre Diesel engine. In addition, numerous new coach bodies by Swiss and German firms were exhibited.

A number of Autoscooters (the modern European version of the cyclecar) were shown in modified form. The Messerschmidt, for instance, is now a much improved vehicle with better springing and is capable of over 60 mph. This is a three-wheeler which is produced in considerable numbers. In contrast to this the German Fuldamobil and the British Bond three-wheelers have side-by-side seats.

Since motor vehicle imports to Switzerland are unrestricted (with the exception of trucks over five tons capacity) and as there is no national passenger car industry, the Swiss market provides a comprehensive picture of how the various makes are accepted by the public.

As the included tables show, German passenger cars are providing more and more of the new registrations and have risen to the figure of 54 per cent in 1954. The remainder of new private passenger registrations was nearly equally divided by U.S.A. (13 per cent), France, Great Britain (11 per cent each) and Italy (10 per cent). It is expected that the Italian and French share of the Swiss market will increase slightly in 1955.

Among the U. S. makes it is to be noted that General Motors and Plymouth have assembly plants located in Switzerland, whereas the Swiss market, as far as Ford is concerned, is covered by the Ford (Belgium) S.A. of Anvers. This explains the fact that Chevrolet and Plymouth, which have been engaged in a struggle for U. S. leadership on

the Swiss market for several years, are providing the bulk of American - designed passenger cars. Ford, on the other hand, is doing well with the German and British made smaller cars. According to manufacturing groups, first place is held by General Motors, followed by Volkswagen, Ford and Fiat. It is unlikely that this picture will change much in 1955.

Apart from local trends the Geneva show 1955 was notable for the number of sports and high performance cars shown. The new Mercedes-Benz 190 SL, which was shown in prototype form some 15 months ago in New York, has now been finalized and is equipped with an ohc, two-litre, four-cylinder engine designed on the lines of the 220 and 300 six cylinder power units and considered by many as a forerunner of a new passenger car engine. It develops 125 hp at 5700 rpm with premium fuel and has a maximum torque of 114 lb ft at 3800 rpm. It uses the stiffened up floor of the 180 type passenger car and features both the "horseshoe" engine carrier, connected by rubber to the floor, and the single joint rear swing axle as used on the 220 type car. Wheelbase is shortened to 94.5 in., and weight is 2560 lb. All four speeds are fitted with a blocker ring type synchromesh device. In Switzerland the price of this car is in the range of the Chevrolet V-8 Bel Air hardtop coupe. For competition lighter, windowless doors and twin aero screens can be fitted.

The presentation of the new Fiat 600 was noteworthy for several reasons. The car was announced to the press officially on the eve of the show, and several hundred vehicles of the new type were already circulating in the City of Geneva at the time of the opening of the exhibition. Delivery for customers was said to be immediate. The Italian coach builders presented no less than six special versions of the

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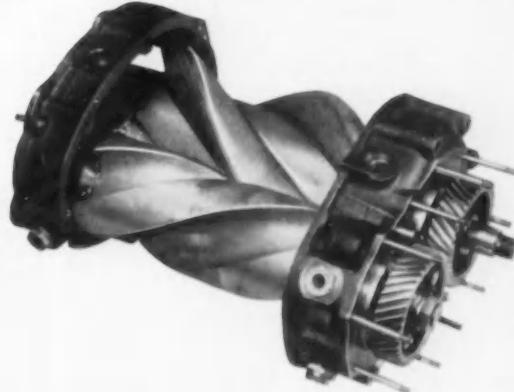


Dodge Firebomb convertible built by Ghia-Turin for Dual Motors Corp., Detroit, Mich.

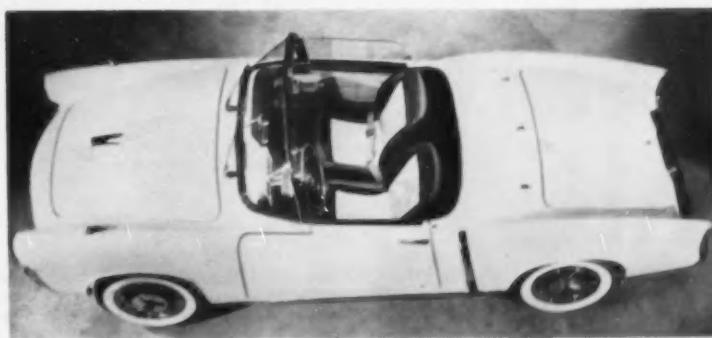


Alvis three litre is marketed with Graber bodies in Switzerland. Wasserman photo

Rotor assembly of supercharger for Saurer Diesel engine



Fiat 1100 TV sport convertible



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American Methods Fitted to German Conditions at Volkswagenwerk

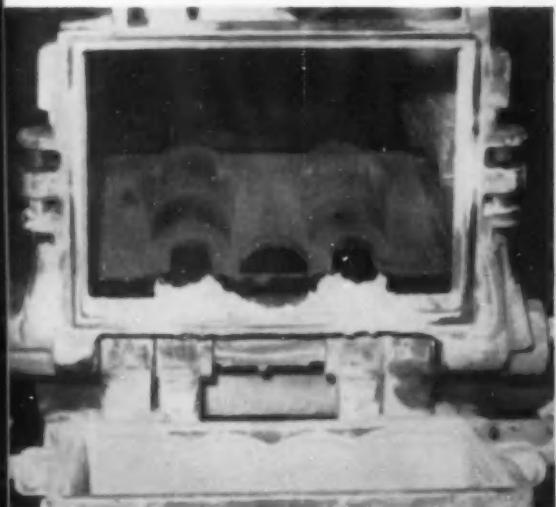
THE Volkswagenwerk is one of Europe's biggest automobile factories, whose current daily production of over 1000 vehicles is the largest for any single basic model outside the Big Three in America. Since 1945 there has been continuous growth at the Wolfsburg plant, where total floor space is now 4½ million sq ft and employees number 25,000. American methods adapted to German conditions are featured, many of the engineers have had experience in the US, and American machines are much in evidence and highly regarded.

Yet the introduction of automation has been only gradual. Space is not at a premium on the lonely marshland 45 miles east of Hannover, and average wages (although the highest in Germany) are only the equivalent of 52¢ an hour. In addition, the German machine tool industry is not readily able to supply VW's advanced needs, and American equipment is found expensive and costs dollars.

On the other hand, further expansion of plant and output is planned, but labor is extremely short in the area. (For every additional worker employed VW must build new living accommodation at Wolfsburg.) Thus compromise measures have been necessary, and VW has designed, made or improved many of the new installations which are now boosting production.

The car itself is distinguished by a rear-mounted air-cooled engine with magnesium castings for crankcase and gearbox. This is of flat-four construction of 72.5 cu in. displacement. Independent torsion bar suspension is used all around. The chassis is a pressed steel floor, braced by a central tunnel which forks at the rear to support power and transmission units.

Sixty-five per cent of all parts are made locally by VW, including the welded body, all gears, and most castings. The reason for this high proportion is again the inability of most of the German suppliers to cope with the volume required. As a result, VW



A cured shell mold is removed by hand from the pattern when it emerges from the oven. Four patterns are in use in each of the five shell molding setups for engine cylinders.



Completed shell molds, together with cylindrical cores, are paired and assembled with metal clips. No adhesive is used.

has had to extend itself in many directions at once.

The foundry is claimed to be one of the most modern in Europe. Individual cast-iron cylinder barrels are made by shell molding. The half-shell for a pair of finned cylinders is formed on hand-operated dump box machines, the sand bonded with 4½ pct resin. After inversion, the coated pattern is released from its frame, and rolled into the open quadrant of an adjacent rotary oven for curing.

At the same time, a cooked shell emerges from the oven. This is lifted off its pattern and placed on a flat steel plate for initial cooling. One operator handles the complete cycle, and output is about 55 shells per hr. Five such machines are used. Cylindrical core shells, open at one end, are made in the same way.

A new semi-automatic machine for making the cylinder shells has been installed and is now coming into operation. It consists of a ring conveyor carrying a continuous line of patterns under a sand hopper and through a semi-circular curing oven. Production is stated to be about 270 shells per hr, with a two-man team needing only to remove the baked shells, spray the pattern with silicon lubricant, and release a measured quantity of sand-resin mix.

For assembly, two cores are sandwiched between two shell halves which are joined by simple metal spring clips. No adhesive is used. Two pairs of molds are placed in a partitioned sheet-metal box, 140 of which are linked together on the circular casting conveyor. Sprue holes are covered with metal caps, and each box is packed with shot which also fills the hollow cores. Caps are then removed and the cast ironed poured.

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Twenty-three studs are screwed simultaneously into the crankcase on this multi-spindle machine. Studs are loaded into the guide slots by hand, and time for the complete cycle is 45 sec.



After leaving the cooling tunnel, rail-mounted casting boxes spill the shot and burnt shell mold on a separation grate and vibrating screen. Castings are extracted by hand.

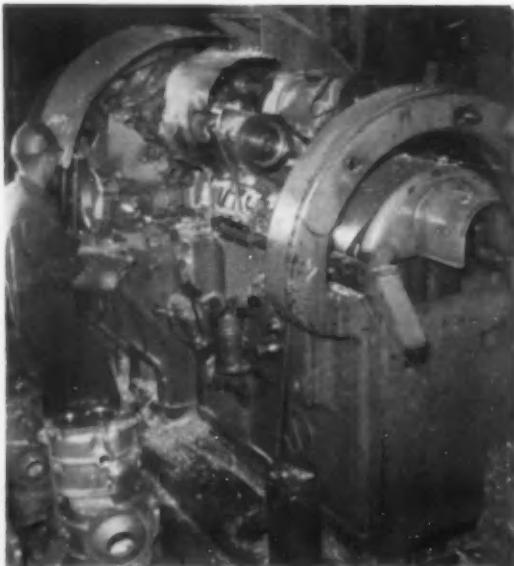


Shell molding pouring conveyor. Each box contains two pairs of cylinder molds. After filling with shot, the boxes move past the pouring station and then through an air-cooling tunnel. A five-man team operates the equipment, and output is 900 barrel castings per hr.



In illustration above, risers are sawn off the magnesium gearbox castings on a double-sided eight-position machine.

In illustration, upper right, milling speed of 3600 fpm is used to face the magnesium gearbox housing on this double-sided Hurstall machine. Rough and fine milling heads on each side are 19 in. diam. and run at 950 rpm. Eight-position fixture makes one revolution in 6½ min.

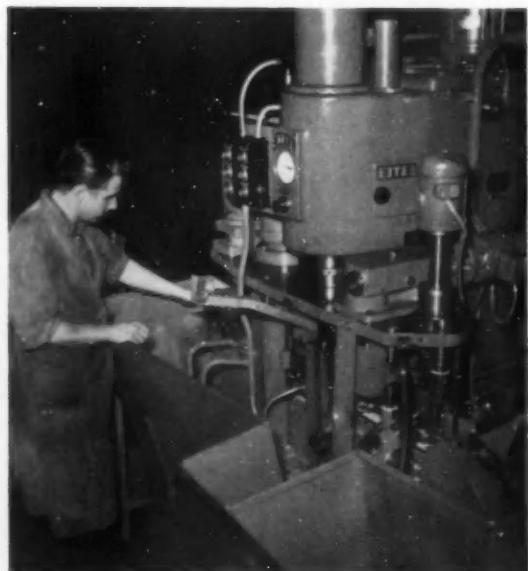


Seven-position rotary fixture on this Vomag automatic carries assembled gearbox housings for machining ball joint surfaces on both sides. The three work-stations bore the half-axle hole, face the ball, and mill the mounting flange. Output is 30 units per hr.



Cooling is by air blowing as the boxes pass slowly through a tunnel. At the end, the boxes tip, shot and burnt mold spill onto a separation grate, and castings are extracted manually. Output of this line is 900 cylinder barrels per hr.

Volkswagen also uses shell molding for the reduction gear housing fitted to each drive wheel of its eight-passenger Microbus (basically the same as the car), and for aluminum cylinder head cores. Cast-



Volkswagen built five-station transfer automatic machine from an Eitel hydraulic press. Broached and bored connecting rods are hand-loaded onto locating pins of the endless indexing belt. Work covers deburring bolt holes, chamfering small end, pressing in bushing, milling lock slot, and drilling three oil holes in the small end. All feeds are controlled by the tool-carrier plate on its downward stroke. Work clamping is used only in the fourth (milling) station. Small end bushings are normally loaded into the gravity chute by an automatic hopper.

ing of camshafts by this method is planned for the future.

Magnesium castings for the split crankcase and transmission housing are formed in tilting metal molds whose body and cores are water-chilled. The magnesium section of the foundry has 26 gravity die casters, each with a four-man team and a separate holding furnace. The hot metal is ladled by hand. Castings are dipped in a nitric acid solution for anti-corrosion, and risers are sawn off.

The use of magnesium is favored by VW on account of the uncertain quality of some German cast-iron, and because magnesium helps keep the car weight down to 1530 lb. Ease of machining is felt to compensate for the higher cost. Normal milling speed for facing the gearbox housing, for example, is 3600 fpm, the upper limit being set by the spindle bearings rather than the metal. Tool life is long, and milling cutters are sharpened only once a month. The fact that magnesium can be cut dry (it must be, according to German law) is cited as another advantage. After a few initial mishaps, there is now reported to be little serious trouble with fires.

The lightness of magnesium is one reason why VW has been slow to use full automation on its machine lines. The largest castings weigh only 12 lb, and it is felt that these can be easily handled manually. It is also argued that the soft metal is easy to damage by clamping. In addition, automation would require an

extensive outlay, since the present engine comprises two crankcase halves and four individual cylinder barrels in contrast to one casting for the conventional in-line or V-form unit.

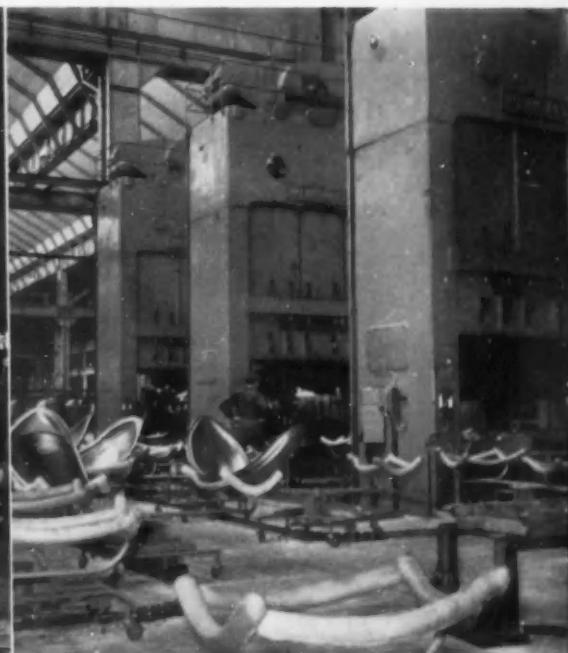
For the crankcase there are two parallel lines of 30 multi-spindle machines, one for each half, with manual transfer and loading. Most of these were built by VW, and many have hydraulic or air clamping fixtures.

Seventy pairs per hr are completed by 78 men on each of the two shifts. There are similar lines for the split castings which house the gearbox and differential.

One example of individual machine automation is a small six-station unit for connecting rods. This is built from a simple hydraulic press with tools and drive motors carried on a common plate whose vertical travel is controlled by the ram. Operations include deburring bolt holes, chamfering small end, pressing in bushing, milling lock slot, and drilling three oil holes in the small end. Connecting rods are conveyed between stations by means of an indexing transfer belt.

Another set-up made by VW is for machining the bolts holding the king pins to the front suspension arms. Here four single-spindle automatics chamfer and cut off the round bar stock. Cut lengths fall via gravity chutes onto a belt and thence to a washing

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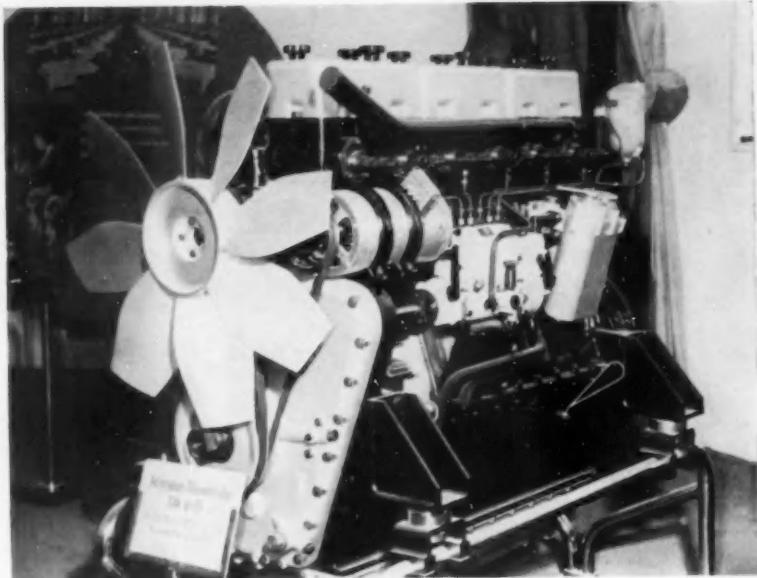
Sahlin Iron Hands on first drawing press drop left and right hand fenders onto leather covered transporter cradles. A drag chain conveyor moves the dollies between the next three 500-ton presses for further forming. Radial fingers at the base of each swiveling crossarm engage pegs in the floor when reversal of the cradle positions is necessary for correct loading and unloading.

Newest East German six-cylinder Diesel is rated at 225 hp at 1700 rpm.

IMPROVED COMMUNIST MODELS at Leipzig Fair

LEIPZIG, EAST GERMANY

AUTOMOTIVE trends revealed at the Leipzig Fair in March show that the Communist countries are slowly broadening the range of their engines, vehicles and tractors. Emphasis in most cases is on increasing the utility and application of existing equipment and expanding production of improved models rather than on undertaking any radically new designs.



East Germany exhibited a number of medium-powered Diesels, the newest of which was a six-cylinder unit with a maximum output of 225 hp at 1700 rpm. This engine, designated as model SM 6-17, is intended for heavy road vehicles, construction and earth-moving equipment, and industrial locomotives. It has a piston displacement of 1165 cu in., with a bore and stroke of 5.9 and 7.08 in. and an 18 to 1 compression ratio.

Crankshaft is cast steel, block and crankcase are a single casting, and wet cylinder liners are used. There is indirect injection to swirl chambers machined in the cylinder heads, which are cast in pairs. Principal external feature of this unit is the massive eight-bladed cooling fan which is an aluminum die casting.

A smaller engine made by the same factory in East Berlin is the SM 4-17 rated at 150 hp at 1700 rpm. With four cylinders of the same bore and stroke it has a piston displacement of 775 cu in.

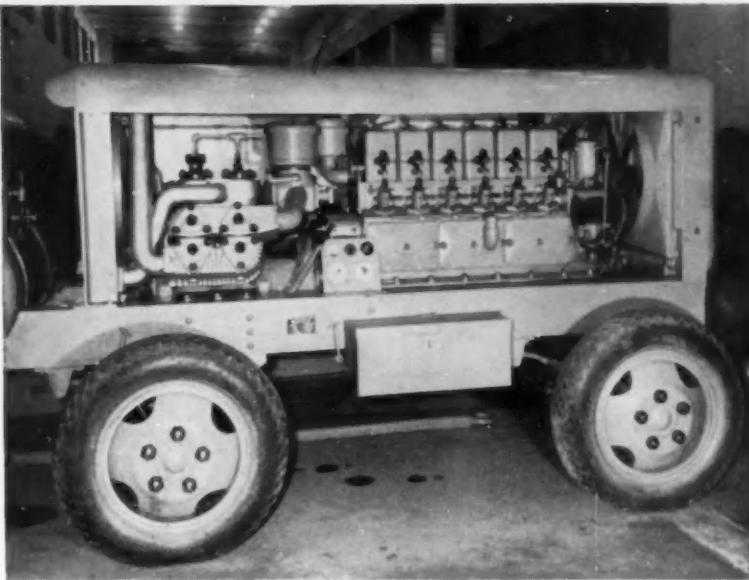
Production of the two Horch three- and six-ton general purpose trucks is continuing at the Zwickau



Diesel engine of this East German tractor can use one of its four cylinders as a compressor for tire inflation.



Frame V2-ton pick-up made in East Germany has side and rear doors for loading. It is powered by a 55 cu in. three-cylinder, two-stroke engine.



By
David Scott

Trailer-mounted Diesel-compressor made in China. The four-cylinder engine drives a V-4 aircooled compressor.

factory, although it was stated that manufacture of the engines will be transferred to the Dieselmotorenwerk at Schönebeck next year as part of a rationalization scheme. The latter plant specializes in small generating and power equipment. The Horch H6 and H3 chassis have similar six- and four-cylinder Diesels which are rated at 120 hp and 80 hp at 2000 rpm.

In the passenger car line, East German production is concentrated largely on the three-cylinder 55 cu in. IFA F9. More body variations are being introduced for the basic engine and chassis, and the latest is the Framo eight-passenger bus, type V 901/2-Z, made in Hainichen, Saxony. The body has a large window area, passenger doors on the side, and a waist-high rear panel, hinged at the top, giving access to a small luggage compartment. Similar coachwork is used on a ½-ton panel van.

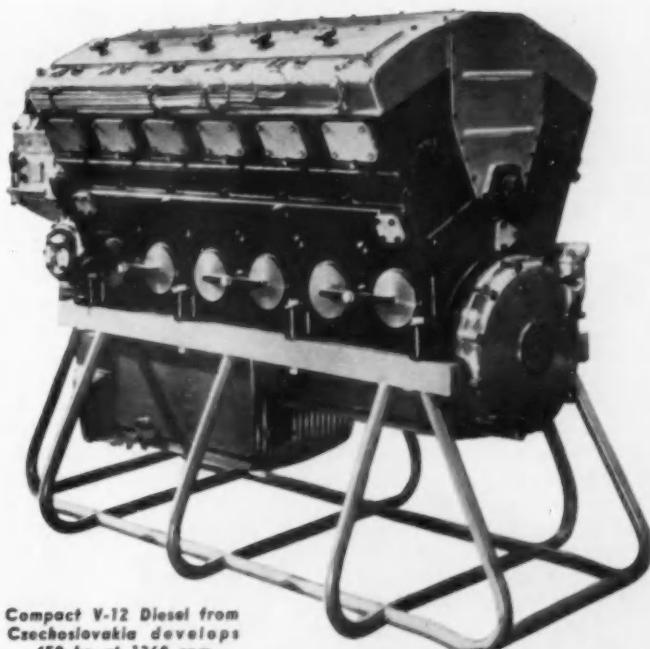
A hardtop sports coupe is now being made at Eisenach. Known as EMW 327-3, it has a six-cylinder, ohv engine of 120 cu in. displacement rated at 57 hp at 3750 rpm. Twin Solex carburetors are used, but the compression ratio of only 6.1 to 1 reflects the low octane rating of the synthetic gasoline which is all that is available in East Germany.

One small private manufacturer, Louis Krause of Leipzig, exhibited a new mid-size car with a rear-mounted, aircooled engine. This five hp unit chain-drives the rear axle through a three-speed gearbox. Body is aluminum, and the clear plastic sun-roof extends down the back to form the rear window.

The East German KS 07 crawler tractor, powered by a 528 cu in. Diesel developing 60 hp at 1150 rpm, has undergone several changes. It now features a rubber-mounted body, all-weather cab, new radiator grill, aircraft-type steering wheel, and self-cleaning oil filter. With further modifications, this machine is offered as a

bulldozer with a 7-ft wide blade hydraulically operated. The RS 04 wheeled tractor also appeared in improved form. This has a four-cylinder, 40 hp Diesel running at 1250 rpm. A special feature is the ability to use the No. 4 cylinder as a compressor for tire inflation while the engine runs on the other three.

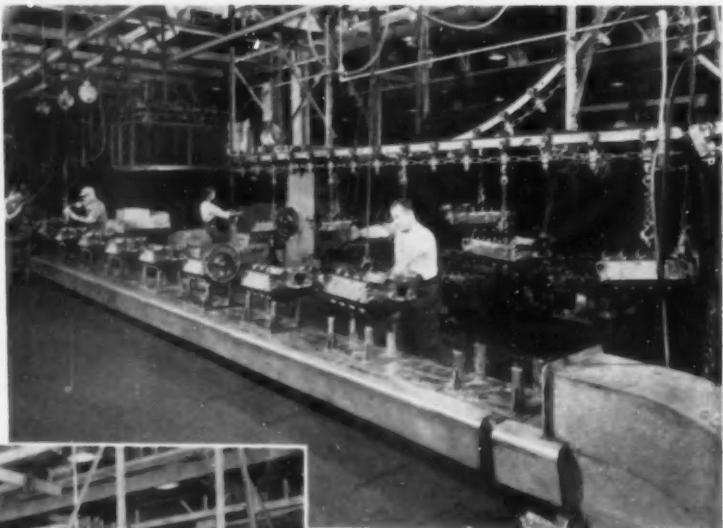
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Compact V-12 Diesel from Czechoslovakia develops 450 hp at 1360 rpm

Start of the engine assembly line.
Blocks are being loaded, upside down, on the saddles so designed as to support the engine either upside down or right side up.

A section of the engine assembly line
—piston and rod installation.



Balancing and Assembling

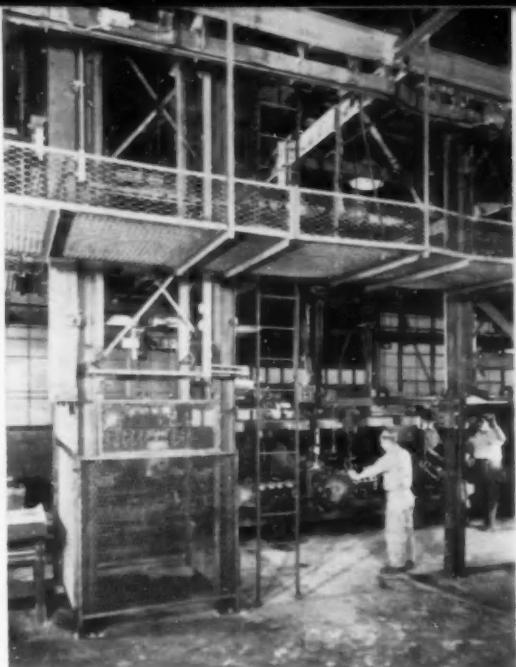
By Joseph Geschelin

SOME of the highlights of segmented automation equipment for producing cylinder blocks and heads for the Chevrolet V-8 in the new Chevrolet engine plant in Flint were described recently (see AI, Jan. 15, 1955). This article, the second of a series, deals primarily with some of the features of engine assembly; engine balancing with its associated automation equipment; and engine testing.

The two final assembly lines, only one of these in operation at the time this article was written, are located at the outer edge of the department well away from the machining area. As illustrated, the assembly line conveyor is of slat type, mounted directly on the floor without a pit, and runs some 467 ft in length. Component parts are delivered to the line on overhead

conveyors in the usual manner, dropping down to the proper level at points of usage. Unlike other engine assembly conveyors installed in recent years, the Chevrolet line does not employ pedestals. Instead, it has the rigid four-post mounting, illustrated, designed in such fashion as to accommodate the engine right side up or upside down. Engines are mounted on the fixtures without clamps or fastenings.

In keeping with the modern practice, Chevrolet balances the sub-assembled engine — before the heads and pan are installed — using a battery of specially-designed GMR balancing machines. There is an important departure in technique, however. Whereas engines usually are balanced dry, Chevrolet has special arrangements in its equipment to supply full



A section of the J. B. Webb power and free electronically controlled conveyor which transports engines from the assembly line to the dynamic balancing machines. No loaded 'hook' can move into the elevator until space there is free. Once hoisted, the hook and its load are moved automatically across the aisle to the battery of dynamic balancing machines and lowered into one that is not in use. After test, the engine, still in its hook, is returned to the assembly line.

ance crankshafts to 5-oz in. so as to leave the final sensitive balancing for the assembled state.

Following acceptance, the engines on their carriers are transferred to the power section of the conveyor, ready for return to the assembly line. Here again the engine meets the elevator, is transferred to the elevator, lowered to the assembly line, and automatically transferred onto the four-post fixture. If the assembly line is not prepared to handle an engine when it arrives at the elevator, the conveyor will continue its course, leaving engines stored until ready for the drop.

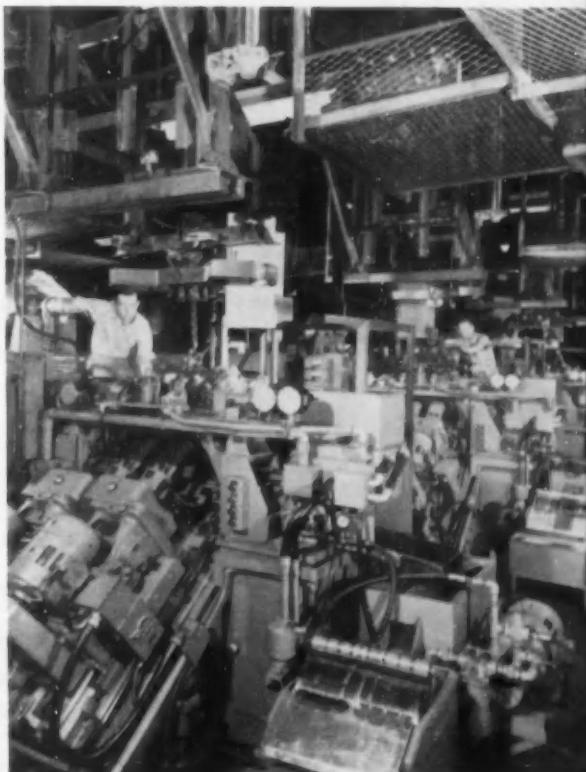
A noteworthy feature of the balancing procedure is

—Chevrolet V-8 Engines

pressure lubrication to all bearing points while the test is in progress. It is felt that this procedure more nearly approaches actual operating conditions.

The linkage between the assembly line and engine balancing, as well as the return of engines to the assembly line, is accomplished automatically by means of a system of power-and-free automation installed by Jervis B. Webb. As the engines reach the section of the assembly line where they are ready for transport to balancing, they are lifted off the assembly stand, transferred to the elevator (see illustration), hoisted upward and transferred to a carrier on the automation conveyor. This entire sequence of operations is intended to be fully automatic.

Engines then are transported to the GMR balancing machines where each engine in order is accommodated in one of the machines for balancing. Each of the balancing machines is equipped with four W. F. & John Barnes drill heads, arranged two on each side of the crankshaft. Final balance is held to 0.5-oz in., each engine being rechecked in the machine to verify the correction. Incidentally, it is current practice to bal-



Battery of engine dynamic balancing machines. Note that conveyor hook is still attached to engine. Here, with all reciprocating parts assembled, the engine is cycled at 700 rpm, dials indicating its out of balance, fore and aft. With the engine stopped, drills are advanced, drill into the counterweights to the automatically established depth. The engine is cycled again to check, after which it is hoisted and returned to the assembly line.

Engine test area where each power while checks for oil engine is run under its own own, leaks, and other possible defects are made. From here the engines go to the paint booth, thence to the loading dock.

the provision of a master engine, painted in distinctive color for ready identification. This engine travels continuously on the conveyor line and as it approaches a balancing machine at regular intervals, the operator will accept it and use it to check the calibration of the machine.

After the balanced sub-assembly returns to the final line, it continues on the line for completion of the assembly operations. At the end of the conveyor, engines are transferred by hoist onto an overhead feeder conveyor for transport to the test stands.

Chevrolet has a large battery of fixed test stands served by the feeder conveyor from the assembly line; they dispense with automation handling in this area. The management has found it more expedient to schedule engines at the will of the operator, thus making it possible to complete the inspection run and make tinkering adjustments if need be, without resorting to an automatically timed cycle of events. Too, this eliminates the complication of removing an engine for repairs and shunting it to a special repair area, thus dispensing with multiple handling and storing.

The test cycle is simple and of short duration, designed primarily to run the engine, adjust valve lash, and make a visual inspection for leaks as well as test



effectiveness of lubrication to the valve mechanism.

Accepted engines then are transferred to the feeder conveyor leading to the spray booth where they are painted the standard color, and are ready to ship.

Additional quality control is exercised by the engineering department to assure conformity with specifications as well as to check on performance characteristics. To this end engines are selected at random directly off the assembly line and transported to the dynamometer test cell, illustrated. Here the sample engines are given a full dynamometer test schedule. By this means it is possible to maintain a watchful eye on the course of production and to reveal adverse combinations of tolerances that might result in variations in performance.

The next article in this series will cover some of the highlights of making pistons, connecting rods, and crankshafts.

U. S. Considering Buying New Vehicles for Fleet

Car and truck manufacturers may soon be getting some sizable orders from the Government for vehicles. The average age of the Government's commercial vehicles is about five years, and it feels that many of these worn-out units should be replaced because of increasing expenditures for repairs and maintenance.

Excluding combat and tactical units, the Government's inventory as of last June consisted of 228,438 commercial vehicles, which have been driven al-

most two billion miles in one year. Although this mileage was almost the same as that of the preceding year, it was racked up despite the fact that the U. S. had 36,519 fewer commercial vehicles than in 1953. Costs for operating the entire fleet averaged about 7.2 cents a mile.

Six-Cylinder Engine Demand Expected to Continue Strong

Despite a trend toward more installations of V-8 engines in automobiles, six-cylinder power plants are

still accounting for a substantial percentage of sales. William J. Bird, sales vice-president of Plymouth, predicts that the industry will turn out more than one million cars equipped with six-cylinder engines in the low-price field this year.

Mr. Bird attributes the continued popularity of the six to its lower cost and easier maintenance and service. Due to better fuel, carburetion, ignition, and combustion chamber design, manufacturers have been able to get more power out of six-cylinder engines without increasing piston displacement, he noted.

Automation Is Theme at SAE Production Meeting

AUTOMATION seemed to be the key word used at the SAE Golden Anniversary Production Meeting and Forum, sponsored by S. E. Bergstrom, vice president of Cincinnati Milling Machine Co., in Cincinnati last month. An extensive gathering of design and production engineers not only heard several definitions of the word, but also many pros and cons in the use of this one phase of our rapidly changing technological manufacturing processes.

There were eight panel or forum sessions held simultaneously during the first day of the three-day meeting. The second day was devoted to technical papers on various production phases; while the final day was devoted to plant tours to General Electric's Evendale Jet Engine Plant and to Cincinnati Milling Machine Company's facilities. The dinner speaker this year was Roy T. Hurley, chairman and president of Curtiss-Wright Corp., who spoke on "Economics and the Engineer."

Automation Defined

Getting back to this word "automation," the panel dealing with that subject defined it as, "machine tools for continuous automatic production." The panel members then added that of course automation to small manufacturers is the use of standard machine tools with materials handling devices between tooling. Some good advice for small producers was that they should utilize readily available tools and over-the-counter type of controls together with materials handling devices which have been standardized. With this type of equipment, the maintenance problem is kept to a minimum. Everyone agreed that automation provides a cleaner and safer place for the worker. It has, as we all know, provided us with a better standard of living and has reduced the machine operator's manual effort. Many people are concerned whether the word in itself is helping or hindering the manufacturing economy. There was a general feeling that it has been used rather indiscreetly; but in general, panel members believe that it is helping to define a new technological process.

It was pointed out that automation means a lack of versatility of machinery for a large manufacturer. However, this is not entirely true, since most of these tools are composed of general purpose equipment with sections of automatic material handling devices. A good example of this is the Dodge engine plant, where an automated transmission machine was transformed into a machine for manufacturing engine parts. There is an increasing trend, of course, for machine tools with automatic loading and unloading devices. Equipment such as this helps take the drudgery off the shoulders of the machine tool operator.

By Thomas Mac New

On the subject of automatic tool changing devices, the big question is, "when do you change the tools?" There are so many varying factors affecting tool wear that it would be a rather difficult job to establish some standard for a machine to automatically change tooling.

A very interesting paper was given by P. H. Kelley and J. T. Buckmaster, both of Chevrolet, on the subject of automation. This paper is presented herewith following the discussion of the eight panels. There are some very interesting comments set forth concerning the usage of the word automation.

New Holding Device

A unique clamping method was discussed in the forum on tooling and shop methods. This new procedure makes use of vacuum for clamping the work. The process is currently being used at North American Aircraft, and it was mentioned that there is no commercial equipment yet available. With the equipment approximately 18 tons of holding pressure can be obtained, utilizing a plastic holding table which has a cut-out containing a sponge rubber insert, thus eliminating all mechanical fixtures. According to reports, the process is very inexpensive, cuts down on vibration, and helps to eliminate warpage due to excessive clamping pressures. Members of this panel also suggested that tooling costs can be greatly reduced by specifying standard lines rather than specialized equipment.

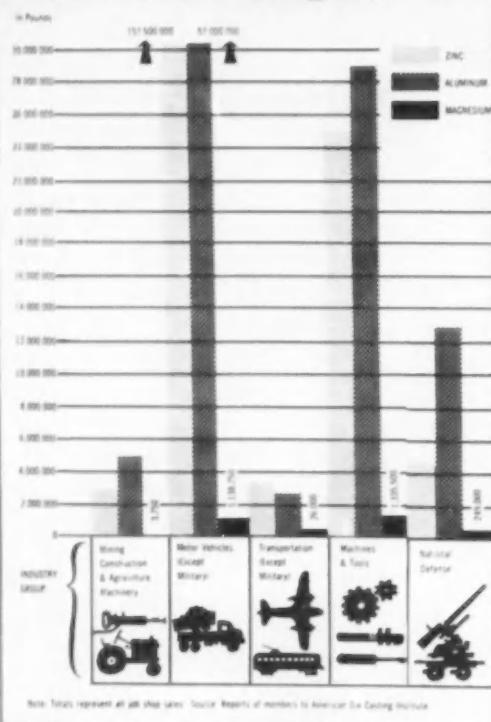
Chipless Production

It was brought out at the forum on chipless production that there is a definite trend toward hot heading, and many headers are currently being mechanized. The usual thing was stated about powder metallurgy, that is, it can be used for unique parts, requires short lead time, low tool costs, and that the largest parts can be made up to about 22 in. diam. There was also a great deal of discussion concerning the new Roto-Flo process developed by Michigan Tool Co. This recently disclosed process is for the cold rolling of splines.

On the subject of production and materials control, there was a great deal of argument concerning realistic scheduling versus priority type of scheduling. The realistic approach, of course, requires a great deal of pre-planning. Of course, with a custom line or a job shop arrangement, the realistic approach is rather difficult, since there is no constant flow of material.

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Who Buys Diecastings / 1954



Usage of die castings by the automotive industries. This, of course, is the die caster's greatest market.



Many More Cars USE DIE CASTINGS for Grilles

THIS year marks a sharp increase in the use of die castings for automobile grilles. There are 16 different car models that are utilizing complete die cast grilles for 1955 and six others use die cast elements as a part of the front end styling treatment.

Because of this widespread usage by automobile manufacturers, the American Die Casting Institute believes that 1955 will be the best year in the history of the die casting industry. According to the American Zinc Institute, the trend indicates increased confidence by automotive engineers and designers in the stability of current zinc supplies and prices.

Compared with 1954, the 1955 automobiles use more than eight times the weight of zinc die castings for front end parts. According to W. J. During, president of the ADCI, "The tremendous tonnage of zinc utilized in the front ends of the new models—in addition to the normally die cast zinc parts used throughout the car—served as an impetus for the zinc industry to sell the automotive industry

A 1955 Packard grille 44 in. long by 7½ in. wide and weighing 10 lb has just been taken off the die casting machine. Another grille is in the cooling tank in the foreground.

on zinc as a basic engineering material."

Seventy per cent of the prime zinc is used for die castings, and of this figure, it is estimated that 60 per cent of the die castings are used for automotive applications. In 1954 job shop die casting sales for automotive and major appliance use amounted to \$268 million. This included the four basic die casting metals—zinc, aluminum, magnesium, and copper-base or brass. Zinc was the leader by weight. During 1955 the ADCI estimates a gross sale of \$400 million in die castings. The major part of this will be the die caster's biggest customer—the automotive industries.

	Car Model	Front End Die Casting Weight (pounds)
General Motors Corp.	Cadillac	5.39
	Buick (Special & Century)	20.55
	Buick (Roadmaster & Super)	29.00
	Oldsmobile	7.62
Chrysler Corp.*	Chevrolet	13.00
	Plymouth	6.00
	Dodge	14.00
	DeSoto	22.00
Ford Motor Company	Chrysler	28.00
	Imperial	31.00
	Mercury	8.92
	Lincoln	8.94
Studebaker-Packard Corp.	Ford	3.50
	Studebaker	31.65
	Packard	39.93
American Motors Corp.	Clipper (Packard)	31.12
	Rambler	12.75
	Nash (Ambassador & Statesman)	22.05
Willys Motors Inc.	Hudson (Hornet & Wasp)	20.26
	Kaiser	23.25
	Willys	21.70

*Estimated

Pounds of zinc die castings for automobile front ends are indicated in table at right.

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PASSENGER CAR BODY WIDTH

By
Joseph
Geschelin

*Used to Better Advantage
in 1955 Models*

ON several occasions since the end of WWII we have surveyed the shape of standard four-door sedans to determine how effectively maximum width was employed with respect to hip room and shoulder space. Such comparisons were not very fruitful until most makes had begun the shift from prewar body shells. The 1955 models, however, represent a complete sweep of entirely new designs and offer a fair comparison on any basis one may choose.

Characteristic of prewar and early postwar bodies was extreme width of exterior sheet metal but relatively cramped quarters for passengers. When hip room or shoulder room was compared with maximum width, the result was a considerable amount of "air" space that contributed little to passenger comfort with three adults in the rear seat.

COMPARISON OF 1955 AUTOMOBILE BODIES

	A Maximum Width (in.) (W-103)	B Shoulder Room Rear (in.)	C $\frac{A-B}{2}$ (in.)
Willys	72.0	57.0	7.5
Studebaker	70.4	54.5	7.95
Dodge	74.5	57.8	8.35
Hudson	78.0	61.3	8.35
Nash	78.0	61.3	8.35
Plymouth	74.5	57.8	8.35
Chevrolet	73.8	56.4	8.7
Mercury-Montclair	76.4	57.5	9.45
Pontiac	75.4	56.4	9.5
Ford	75.9	56.8	9.55
Buick 40-60	76.2	56.7	9.75
Mercury (Custom, Monterey)	76.4	56.8	9.8
DeSoto	78.3	58.4	9.95
Lincoln	77.4	57.2	10.1
Chrysler C-67, C-68	79.1	58.4	10.35
Chrysler C-69, C-70	79.1	58.3	10.4
Cadillac	79.8	58.9	10.45
Oldsmobile	77.8	56.7	10.55
Nash-Hudson Rambler	73.5	52.3	10.6
Buick 50-70	80.0	58.7	10.65
Packard	78.0	55.5	11.25

This year the picture has changed completely. The table reproduced here was prepared from the body dimensions listed in the Statistical Issue of AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES, March 15, 1955. Column A gives maximum overall width for each make, using the AMA designation "W 103" for this dimension. Column B is the corresponding shoulder room in the rear. Since this is generally less than hip room we believe it represents a limiting dimension from the standpoint of seating comfort. (Turn to page 106, please)



This Denison Multipress is used to preform or cold-form small parts such as "O" rings, seals, and bearings from Teflon molding powder. Almost 1000 pieces per hour can be cold formed in this hydraulic press.



Twenty radiators and engine blocks are used to test a variety of coolants.

Special Equipment

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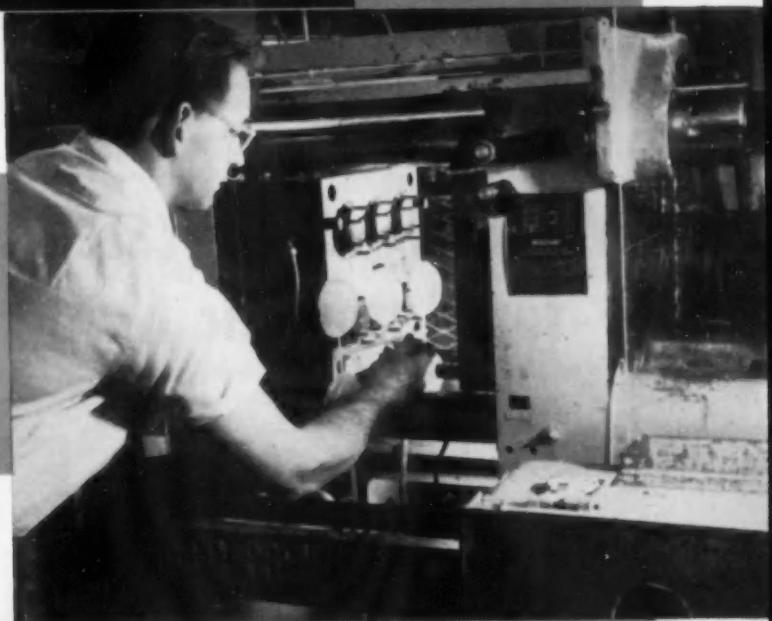
DuPONT'S

New Laboratory

THE Polychemicals Department of Du Pont recently opened a \$3 million sales service laboratory at Chestnut Run, near Wilmington, Del. (see AI March 1). This new facility has a great deal of new equipment which is available to solve processing and design problems of plastics for assistance to Du Pont customers. Some of the equipment is pictured here together with a description of its function.



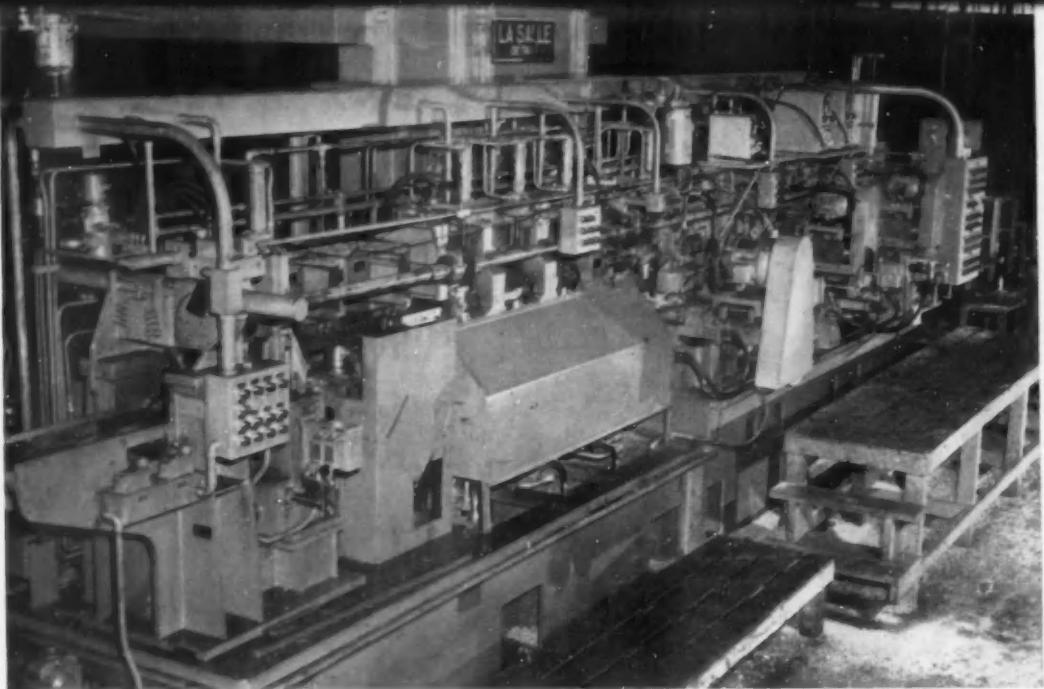
A high-speed steel raster bit is used in conjunction with a tracer attachment to duplicate profiles in such materials as a block of Zytel nylon. Tests are made on machined parts before injection molds are built.



This Reed-Pratt injection molding machine is currently being used to make experimental Zytel nylons dome light lenses. Injection molding machines at the laboratory range in capacity from one ounce to 16 oz.



In the right background of this illustration can be seen a Fellowes injection molding machine. This particular unit is molding a rotor of nylon. The materials handling unit in the foreground is one of the many types of such equipment used throughout the laboratory.



Perspective of first operation LaSalle transfer machine on piston line. This unit has a built-in chip conveyor to handle the large volume of aluminum chips.

NEW SETUP AT CHRYSLER for Automatic Machining of Pistons

INCIDENT to the introduction of 1955 models, the Chrysler Division plant on East Jefferson Ave. in Detroit made some interesting changes in the piston machining line for the high volume Windsor V-8 engine. Outstanding in this respect is a Chrysler "first" — the installation of two special La Salle Tool transfer machines for handling a basic group of piston operations in extremely compact, fully automatic equipment.

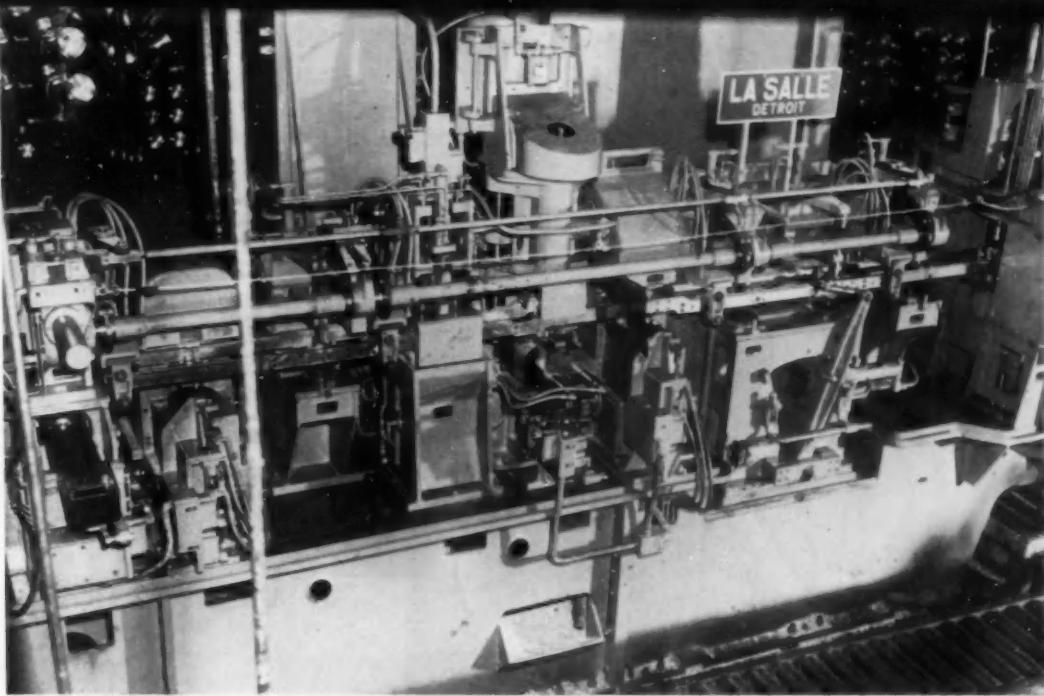
First operation on the piston line takes place in a Hartford Special, eight-station trunnion indexing type machine, tooled to complete the following operations in a fully automatic cycle: center boss at head end, mill weight bosses, drill, chamfer, and taper-ream two locating holes in weight bosses. Besides being fully automatic in operation, this machine is fitted with automatic loading and unloading.

As pistons leave the Hartford machine, they are transported on a belt conveyor to a battery of Fay automatic lathes for rough- and semi-finish turning of piston ring grooves, facing and chamfering the skirt end, rough-facing and chamfering the head end, semi-finish-turning the OD, finish-turning ring land diameter and chamfering the ring grooves, finish-facing the head, and finish-turning the grooves.

Pistons now are ready for processing in the first of



Manual loading station of one of the LaSalle transfer machine units.



View of portion of second LaSalle machine—the automatic weighing unit. Both machines are quite similar in appearance. The shuttle type transfer mechanism may be seen directly above the fixtures, extending from the loading station at the extreme right.

two La Salle units, a 16-station transfer machine of unique design with hydraulic actuation and electronic controls. Transfer of work from station to station is handled by means of a shuttle type transfer bar, each position being fitted with a set of special nylon fingers for gripping the work without leaving clamp marks. The sequence of operations is as follows:

1. Load and position
2. Rough bore and chamfer piston pin holes both sides
3. Check piston pin hole both sides, with P & W Air-O-Limit gages. If either oversize or undersize, the gage automatically indicates the situation and stops the machine at the completion of the cycle
4. Idle
5. Undercut lock ring grooves both sides
6. P & W Air-O-Limit gages check the lock ring grooves
7. Idle
8. Saw two slots in oil ring groove 9. Idle
10. Mill first valve clearance in the head of piston
11. Remove center boss from head of piston
12. Mill second valve clearance in the head of piston
13. Idle 14. Idle
15. Wire brush valve clearances to remove burr
16. Unload

The next major operation is a setup in a three-way Model No. 233 index type Heald Bore-Matic, fitted with a two-station fixture, holding two pistons at a time. In the first position, the elliptical piston skirt is rough-, semi-, and finish-turned to finish size and form, using the rear head. At the second position, using the double-end head in front, the piston pin

holes are semi- and finish-bored, each spindle completing one piston, holding the bore to a total tolerance of 0.0003 in. for size, out-of-roundness, and taper. This is done in a fully automatic cycle.

Final machining takes place in the second La Salle unit, a 10-station transfer machine essentially of the same type as the first unit. The sequence of operations in a fully automatic cycle is as follows:

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| 1. Load and position | 6. Mill piston to weight |
| 2. Idle | 7. Blow out |
| 3. Idle | 8. Idle |
| 4. Idle | 9. Reweigh (check production 100%), segregate into: OK, plus, minus |
| 5. Weigh piston, record weight and preset the next station | 10. Unload |

According to Chrysler management, this machine is extremely sensitive and precise in its weighing function. Although the standard limit on weight is plus or minus two grams, it is actually holding weight to a tolerance of approximately one gram.

Grading according to weight is done at Station 9. Only perfect pistons are permitted to enter the unload station. Overweight pistons are rejected on a side track to the left; underweight to the right.

It is noteworthy that the adoption of the two La Salle units has served to compact the piston line, eliminating a number of individual machine operations. Besides increasing productivity, quality control has been improved materially by comparison with the former methods of processing.



T (3-ton) models in the new C-3 Series Dodge trucks are powered by a new 193-hp Power-Dome V-8 engine. Power steering and air brakes are available on this model. The T models have a gross vehicle weight rating of 22,500 lb.

TRUCK RATINGS AND ENGINES FOR 1955

Nominal Rating	Engine Models	Displacement Cu In.	Gross Horse Power	Gross Torque
1 1/2	BL6	230.2	110	194
1 1/2	B6	230.2	110	194
1 1/2	B6	259.2	109	243
2 1/2	CN6	230.2	110	194
2 1/2	C6	230.2	110	194
2 1/2	C8	259.2	109	243
1	DN6	230.2	110	194
1	D6	230.2	110	194
1	D8	259.2	109	243
1	PW6	230.2	103	191
1	DU6	230.2	103	191
1 1/2	EU6	230.2	103	191
1 1/2	FN6	230.2	110	195
1 1/2	F8	230.2	110	194
1 1/2	F8	259.2	109	243
1 1/2	G6	259.6	120	210
1 1/2	G8	259.2	109	243
2	H6	250.6	120	210
2	H8	259.2	109	243
2	HM6	250.6	112	205
2	HM8	265.37	125	225
2	HM8	259.2	109	243
2	HMM6	265.37	114	210
2 1/2	J6	265.37	125	225
2 1/2	J8	269.57	175	296
2 1/2	JM6	265.37	114	210
2 1/2	K8	265.37	130 ⁽¹⁾	228 ⁽¹⁾
2 1/2	K8	269.57	175	296
2 1/2	KMA6	265.37	114	210
2 1/2	RS	331.1	193	303
3	TR	331.1	103	303
3 1/2	VS	331.1	202 ⁽¹⁾	316 ⁽¹⁾
4	Y6	413.16	171 ⁽¹⁾	343 ⁽¹⁾
4	Y8	413.16	171 ⁽¹⁾	343 ⁽¹⁾

⁽¹⁾ Twin carburetors.

Dodge Trucks for 1955

New Vehicles Range from 1/2-Ton Through Four Tons; Power Ratings Are from 103 to 202 Hp. Super Truck-O-Matic Three-Speed Automatic Transmission Introduced.

1955 C-3 SERIES DODGE TRUCKS V-8 ENGINE SPECIFICATIONS

(OVERHEAD VALVE TYPE)

Truck Model	B-C-D-F	G-H*	J-K	R-T	V**
Bore (in.)	3.563	3.563	3.63	3.81	3.81
Stroke (in.)	3.25	3.25	3.256	3.825	3.83
Displacement (cu in.)	259.2	259.2	269.57	331.1	331.1
Compression Ratio	7.6 to 1	7.6 to 1	7.6 to 1	7.2 to 1	7.2 to 1
Bhp. net.	134 @ 4400	134 @ 4400	142 @ 4400	174 @ 4400	187 @ 4400
Torque (lb ft) Gross (max.)	243 @ 2400	243 @ 2400	256 @ 2400	303 @ 2800	316 @ 2400
Net	218 @ 2000	218 @ 2000	230 @ 2400	288 @ 1800	308 @ 2400

* Engine has differences in features as described.

** Engine equipped with twin carburetors.

CHRYSLER's "Forward Look" has been extended into its commercial vehicles as well, incident to the disclosure of the 1955 family of Dodge trucks. Offering a wide basic line of models, in a variety of types and body styles, and a wide range of wheelbases, Dodge blankets the field with vehicles ranging from $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton through 4-ton; with maximum GVW ratings from 4250 to 40,000 lb. At the same time the range of GCW ratings extends to a maximum of 60,000 lb.

The gamut of models encompasses conventional trucks and C-O-E's, including "Dual-Purpose" models; Route Vans; Power Wagons; school bus chassis; and Forward Control chassis. Included in this are three new town panel models—standard, deluxe, and Custom Regal.

Seven basic power plants, including new V-8 engines described later, provide a choice of 12 different power ratings, ranging from 103 to 202 hp. In the low-tonnage class—from $\frac{1}{2}$ - to 1-ton—Dodge offers an option of a 110-hp six-cylinder engine; or the 169-hp Power Dome V-8, the latter representing an increase of 24-hp over the V-8 available in '54.

A total of 22 stake or platform bodies in four lengths is available in models from $\frac{1}{2}$ - to $2\frac{1}{2}$ -ton.

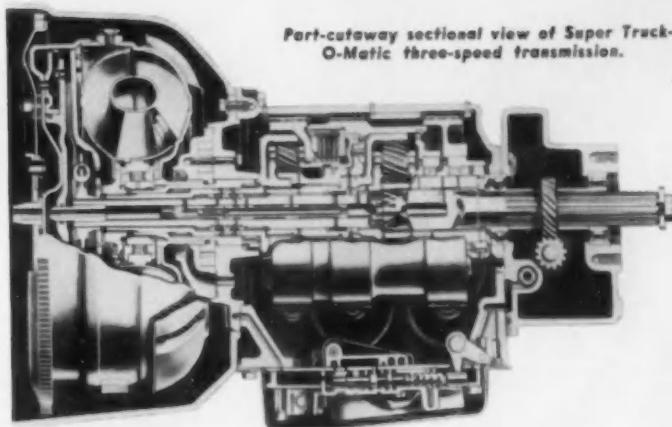
Tubeless tires are now standard equipment on $\frac{1}{2}$ - and $\frac{3}{4}$ -ton models.

In general, the '55 Dodge line provides greatly increased power and torque; entirely new styling features; a group of four new cabs with wraparound windshield and rear window, providing about 98 per cent circular vision; two types of automatic transmissions, and the expansion of power steering and power brakes into additional models, among other details to be described here.

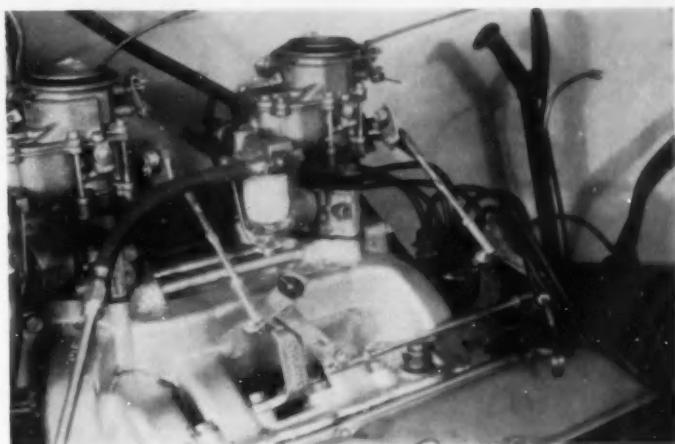
From the standpoint of power plants, the same basic six-cylinder engines in production last year will be used in '55. In addition there are five Power Dome V-8's, stemming from three basic displacements, as outlined in the specifications table.

The V-8 engine for models B-C-D-F is of single rocker shaft design, features free-turning valves for both intake and exhaust, and valve guides integral with the head. Vacuum spark advance is employed.

The V-8 for models G and H is of the same basic displacement and output but has added heavy duty features. These include the following items: roller type timing chain, Tri-Metal connecting rod bearings,



Part-cutaway sectional view of Super Truck-O-Matic three-speed transmission.



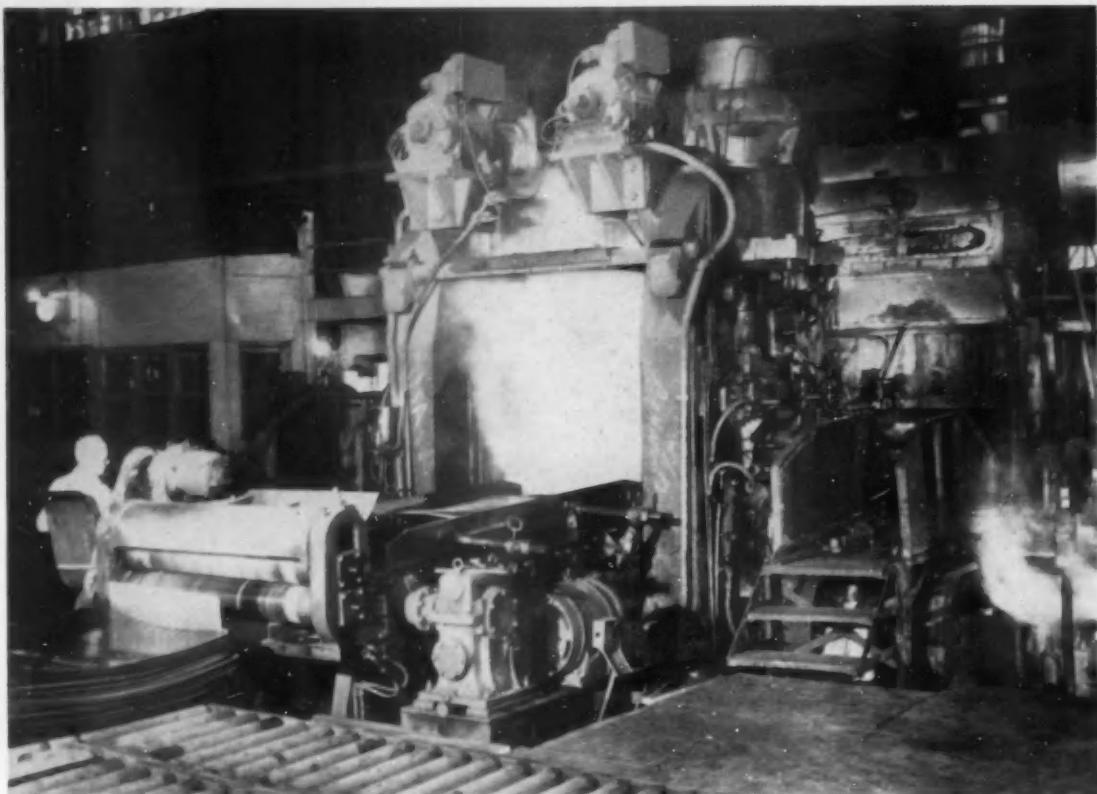
Left side view of twin carburetor throttle linkage.

silicon-chrome exhaust valves, positive Roto-Cap exhaust valve rotators, free-turning intake valves. It has centrifugal distributor advance.

The V-8 for models J and K is of double-rocker shaft construction, embodying the following special features: induction hardened crankshaft journals; Tri-Metal bearings for main and connecting rods; improved silicon-chrome, sodium-cooled exhaust valves; hardenable iron exhaust valve guides; positive type Roto-Cap valve rotators for the exhaust valves; and exhaust valve seat inserts. Engine governor and oil filter are standard equipment.

Models R and T are equipped with 331.1 cu in., double-rocker shaft type V-8 engine having the following special features: gear driven camshaft; induction hardened crankshaft; Tri-Metal main and connecting rods bearings; silicon-chrome intake and exhaust valves; Stellite-faced, sodium-cooled exhaust

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Titanium rolling operation with a three-high mill reducing half inch sheet bar to $\frac{1}{8}$ in. thick sheet

Advanced Production Methods and

By
Thomas MacNew

New Titanium Alloys Disclosed at Conference

LAST month in Niles, Ohio, the Mallory-Sharon Titanium Corp. held a conference on the subject of titanium for board members of the corporation, top Government officials and members of the press. The meeting dealt primarily with the Mallory-Sharon titanium program, including production, research, development and testing procedures.

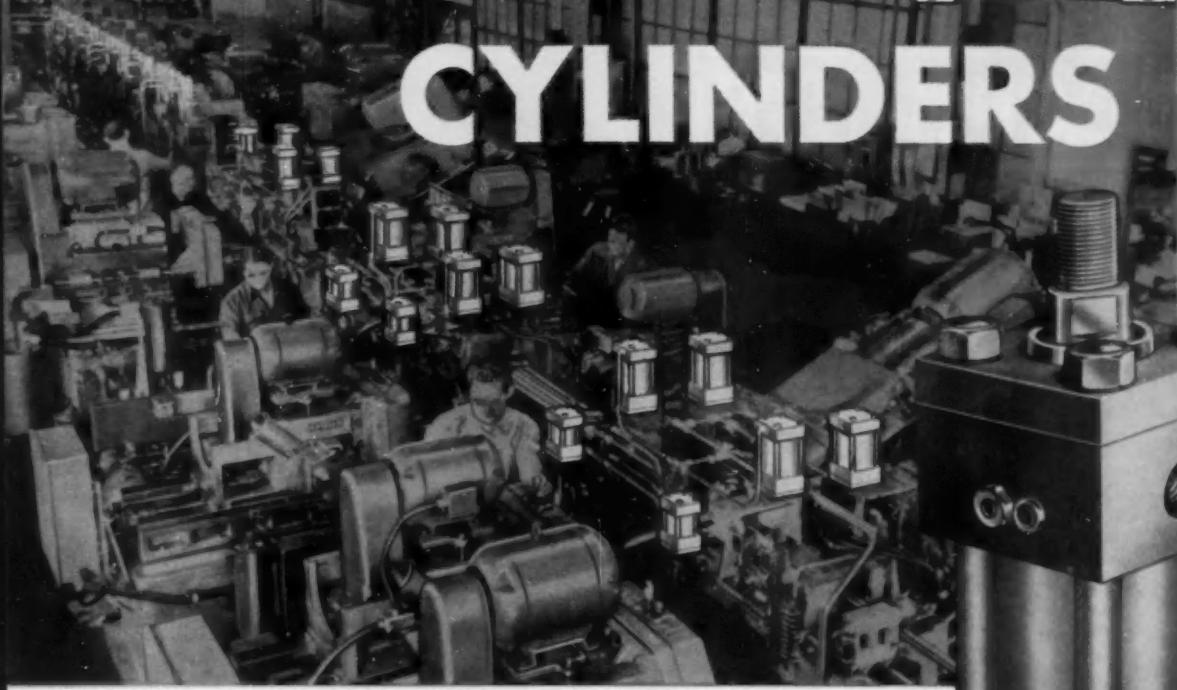
One of the highlights of the meeting was a trip through the Mallory-Sharon plant. The company has recently installed a 3000 ton HPM press which is utilized to compress sponge titanium into consumable electrodes prior to the melting operations. These electrodes are utilized in the plant's four new vacuum melting furnaces. This new melting shop, according to James A. Roemer, president, employs what is considered to be the most advanced method using a con-

sumable electrode, melting twice and performing these operations in a vacuum. Called the Method "S" process, a homogeneous ingot and one which is said to be essentially gas free and of the highest quality is produced. The furnaces used for the process are enclosed in steel barriers as a personnel safety precaution. Each furnace is reached through vertical sliding doors. A bank of A. O. Smith 1000-w power units and General Electric germanium rectifiers are utilized for the power supplies. Remote control panels are used for the operation of the furnace equipment.

In addition to melting the titanium into ingots, Mallory-Sharon also performs the rolling operation. Titanium sheets are made in a variety of thicknesses, overall dimensions and qualities. Throughout the en-
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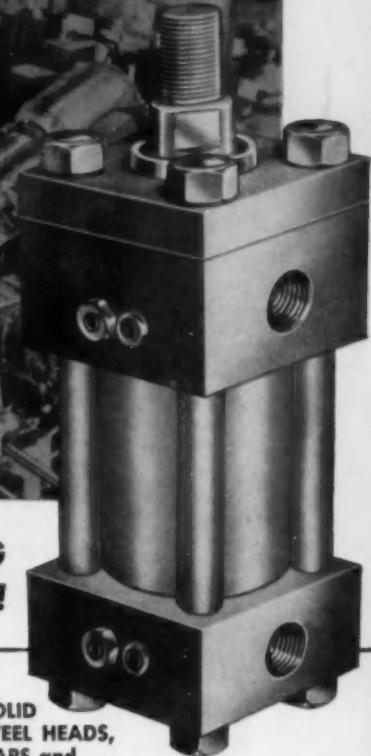
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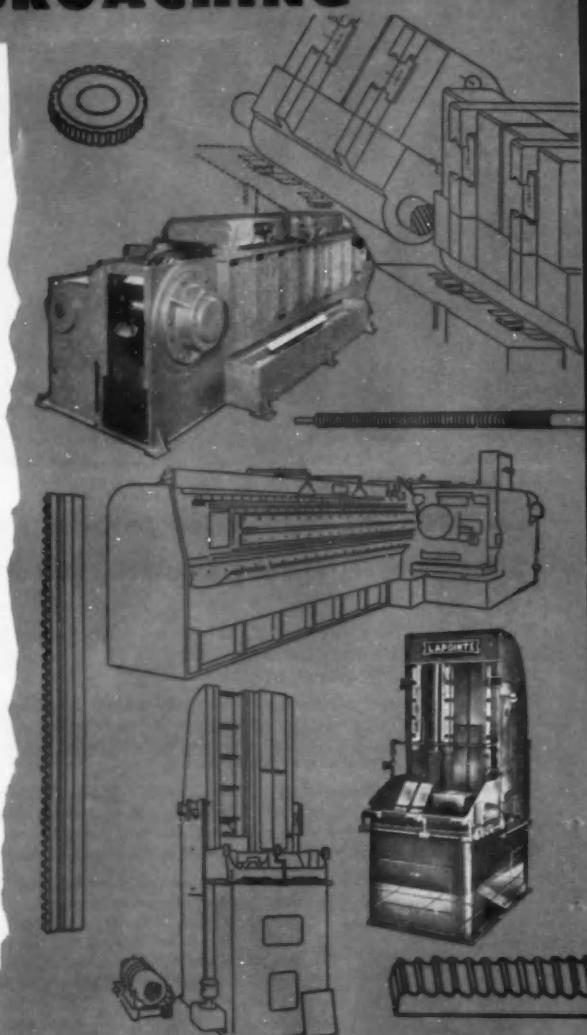
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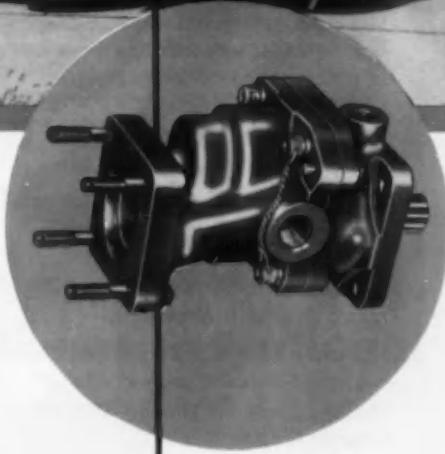
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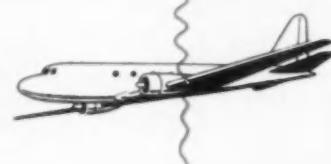
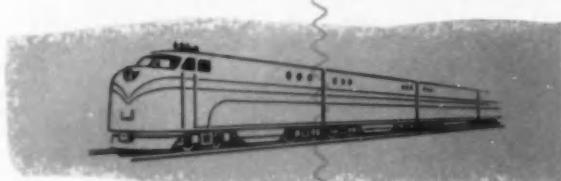
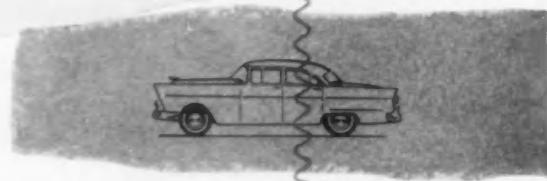
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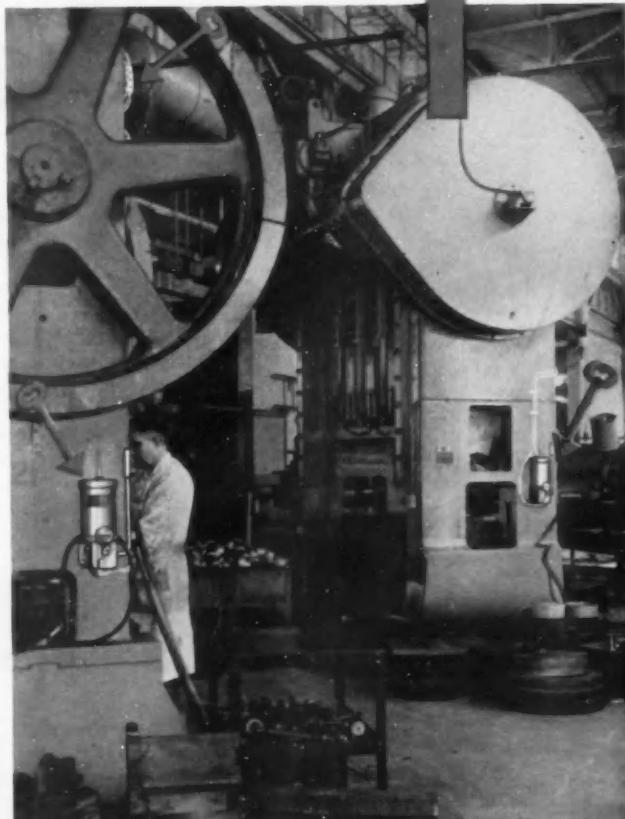
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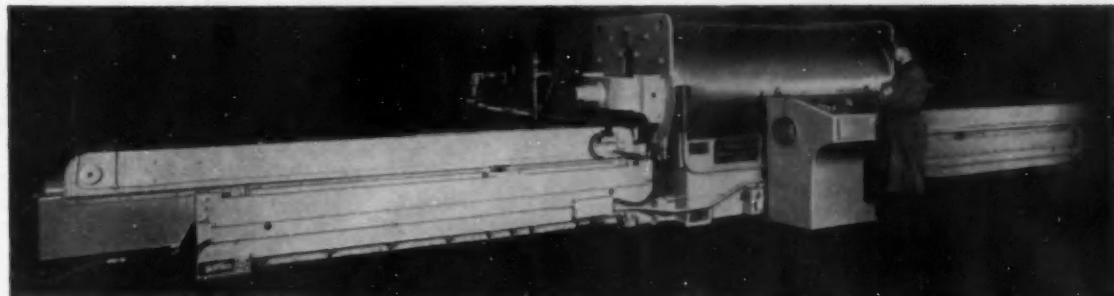
Photo shows two of the ten presses at Whiteway Stamping Company, with a Farval manual pumping station conveniently installed on each.



News of the MACHINERY INDUSTRIES

By Thomas Mac New

Orders for New Machine Tools Reached a New 17-month High During February. Backlog Now More than Four Months



Hydraulic Press Manufacturing Co., Mt. Gilead, Ohio, has brought out two models of a line of high pressure metal forming presses. These presses, like the one shown, will be used for the Guerin process. The equipment has a capacity of 10,000 tons for one model and 19,500 for the other. Called the Diaform, the press features a flat table top which is raised into the pressure retainer during the forming cycle.

3/4 Billion Possible For Tool Builders

The machine tool builders enjoyed an excellent rate of new orders during February. According to the National Machine Tool Builders Association, orders for the month were 31 per cent higher than for February, 1954. Actually, a 17-month high was reached during February with over \$62 million reported. Because of the high order rate and the fact that shipments remained approximately equal to those of January, the industry's backlog increased to slightly over four months. Since military expenditures have not yet played a major role in new tool sales, the machine tools being ordered are primarily for the civilian market. If this trend continues, the machine tool builders will enjoy an excellent year in 1955. Another factor which will no doubt produce many new orders is the forthcoming machine tool show in September.

Sundstrand Installs New Lathe

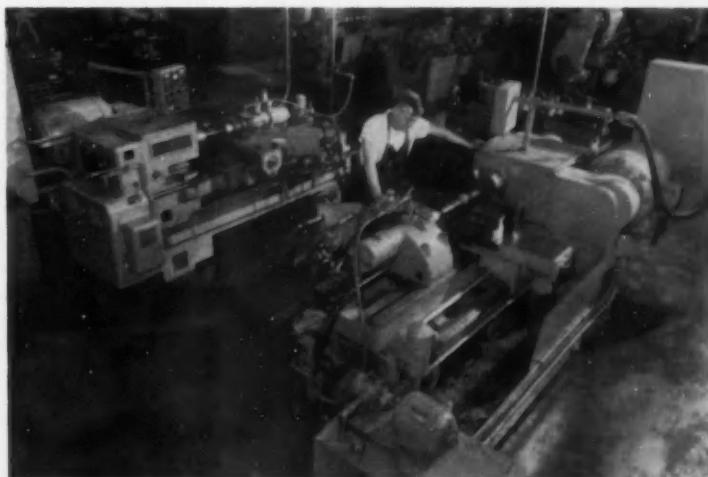
One of the first installations of heavy duty Sundstrand automatic lathes with tracer control was made recently at Fairfield Mfg. Co., La-

fayette, Ind., manufacturer of automotive gears. These lathes have great versatility in machining long shafts in small lots, using suitable templates. One of the parts scheduled over this equipment is a long shaft with a drive pinion at one end for a tractor main drive. Cutting is done at the rate of 600 sfpm with feed of 0.018 ipr. Floor to floor time, start-

ing with rough forging, is 3 minutes.

Fairfield devotes considerable attention to equipment modernization, and recently installed two units of the largest chucking type automatic turret lathes made by Warner & Swasey; and one of the largest models of Potter & Johnston turret lathes available today.

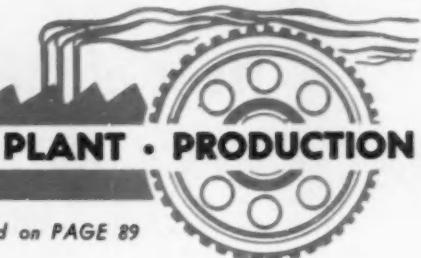
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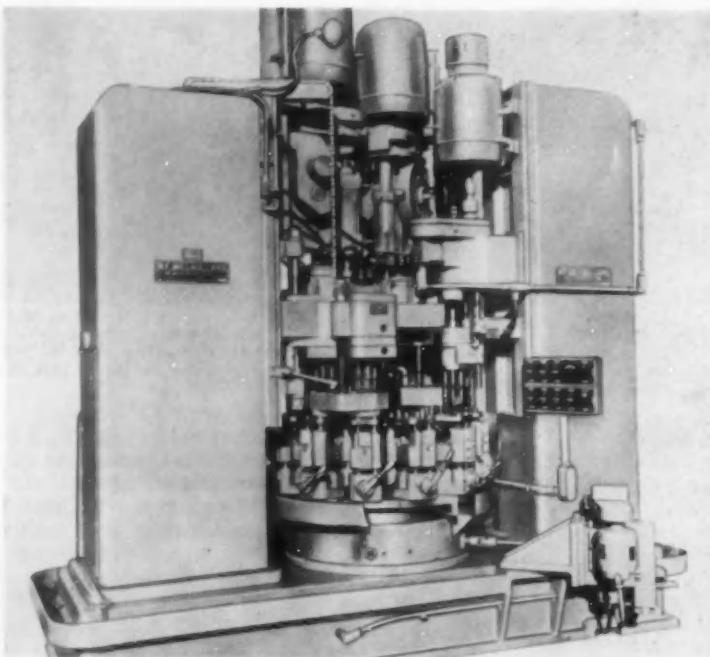
Installation of the Sundstrand heavy duty automatic lathe at Fairfield.

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Chips are moved by wiper blades in a ring on the index tables to a removable pan.

Deburring Head

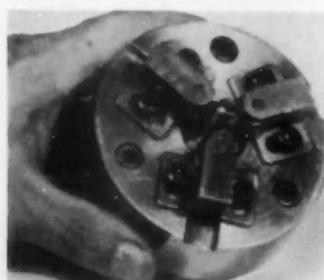
A ROLL-FORMING process is used to debur the inside and outside diameter of the ends of ferrous and non-ferrous metal tubing. The deburring head can be mounted on the spindles of a wide variety of standard and special single and double end tube burring machines.

Problems often encountered with chips removed by conventional machining deburring operations are completely avoided by this new roll-forming concept. The deburred surface formed by the tool is smooth and concentric with the inside diameter of the tubing.

Called the Rol-Bur head, the 3 1/2-in. diameter tool includes three rollers and interchangeable mandrels. The rollers are adjustably mounted to per-

mit the deburring of tubing from 1/4 to 1 1/4-in. outside diameter.

Each of the three rollers has a tapered form which provides the reducing action that rolls down both in-



Tubco's Rol-Bur Head

side and outside diameter burrs as the head is fed into depth over the

Twelve-Station Vertical Indexing Machine

A SPECIAL machine recently built features a compact fixture setup. Parts are located on a self-centering horizontal Vee and held with an up-acting clamp. A single handle controls clamping. Register pins are provided for the bushing plates. The 12 fixtures rotate on an automatic index table. Two of the maker's No. 5, 10-hp automatic units are mounted vertically, one with 22 spindles for drilling, reaming, and counterbalancing, and one with five spindles for boring. A No. 2, 1/2-hp unit is mounted horizontally on a rapid travel slide. An automatic lead screw tapper powered with a five-hp reversible motor drives a six-spindle head. Production is 93 parts per hour at 80 per cent efficiency.

The automatic units are said to cut metal 80 per cent of the cycle time. They feature a unique plate type cam and hydraulic counterbalance. All controls are built to JIC standards. *W. K. Millholland Machinery Co., Inc.*

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tubing. Rollers are ground, through-hardened steel and are supported by sleeve bearings. The ground, hardened-steel bullet-nosed mandrel screws into the cold rolled steel head.

Mounting of the tool on the spindle of the burring machine is provided by an adapter plate. In operation, the head is advanced and the mandrel enters the end of the tubing. The mandrel provides tube support and also corrects any tube deformation from previous cutoff operations.

When the end of the tubing contacts the angular roller surface, only a light pressure is required to roll-form the burrs from both the ID and OD of the tubing. From 1/32 to 1/16-in. feed into the rollers is adequate to remove burrs from all tubing within the capacity of the head. *Tubco Co.*

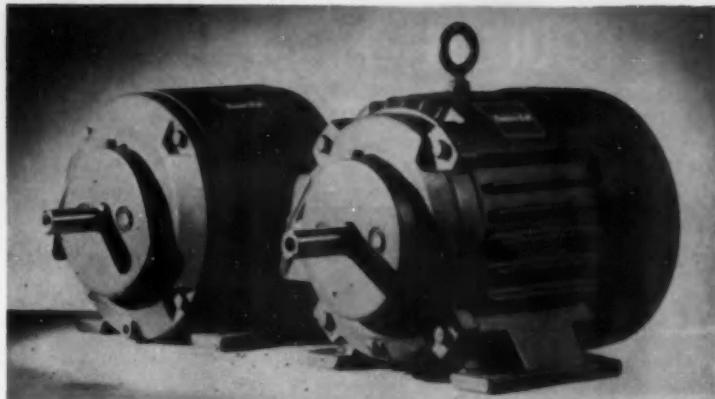
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"Totally-Protected" Motors Unveiled

TOTAL protection is built into a new line of a-c motors just announced, from solid-cast frames to the plastic sleeving that protects brazed coil head connections.

Regardless of mounting positions, the totally-protected motor offers maximum protection against drip, splash, and falling objects. Ventilation louvers are positioned high in the end brackets. The frame extends beyond the coil heads to give full protection to the windings, an important feature when end brackets are removed. Compact, rugged brackets ensure shockproof shaft support by placing the bearing mountings closer to the frame. New neoprene gaskets afford a positive seal between the frame and conduit box, and these gaskets have indexed "pressure knobs" to securely hold each lead. Conduit boxes can be positioned in any of the four quadrants for ease of installation.

In three categories of this enclosed



Reliance protected a-c motor (left) and enclosed fan-cooled a-c motor (right).

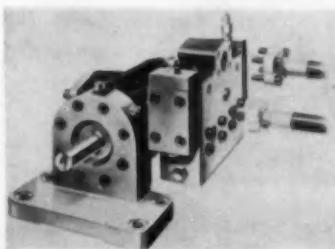
group are the fan-cooled, corrosion-proof, and explosion-proof design. They offer such features as corrosion-proof outer fans and cast iron conduit boxes on the fan-cooled, neoprene shaft slingers and optional stainless

steel components on the corrosion-proof, and brass shaft slingers affording five-direction labyrinth fits on the explosion-proof motor. *Reliance Electric & Engineering Co.*

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Double Pump

A SERIES of 2000-psi variable delivery hydraulic power units is now offered as double pumps equipped with integral valve panels on the discharge ports. Comprising two standard PF-100 dual vane interchangeable pumping cartridges, with common drive shaft and common inlet but discharging through separate outlets, the new integral units may be used to supply power to two separate systems or to a single two-pressure circuit. They are especially adapted to the operation of circuits calling for



Dudco double pump

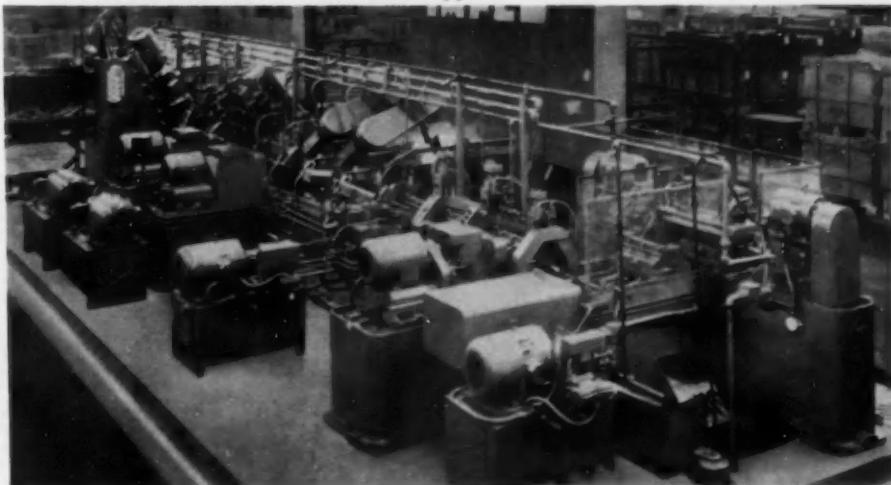
substantial variation in pump volume such as hydraulic presses, diecasting

and plastic molding machines, closing and clamping devices and machine tools.

The pumping cartridges have capacities of 3, 5, 8 and 11 gpm, rated at 1200 rpm. Total pump capacity ranges from six to 22 gpm, depending upon the combination of cartridges selected. The cartridges (or the cam rings only, if desired) are interchangeable to permit up to 10 quick changes of capacity if the power requirements of the system change. *Dudco Div., New York Air Brake Co.*

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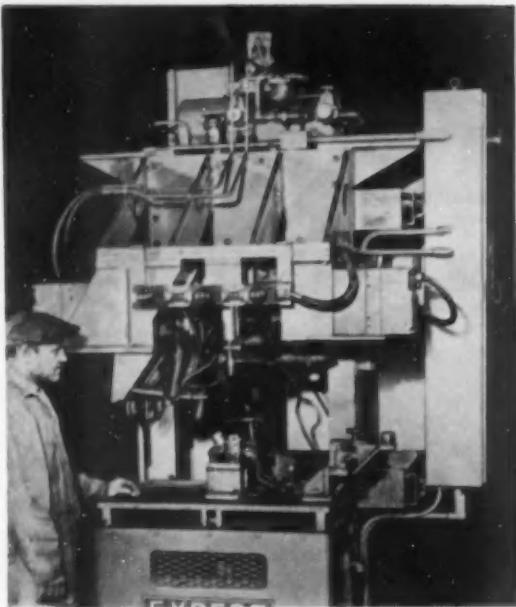
Shafts Finished on Pallet-Type Fixtures



This transfer machine mills, drills, reams and checks rocker arm shafts. Ten-second machine cycle produces 360 parts per hour gross. Parts are automatically positioned endwise and power clamped. Transfer system is hydraulic. Features include automatic lubrication, chip conveyor and pallet wash. *Industrial Metal Products Corp.*

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Electrical controls for the mechanical presses are in a panel enclosure on either side of the C-frame. Electronic controls are in a cabinet on the other side of the frame. Welding gun air controls are mounted on top of the C-frame. This unit is toolled to spot weld supports in a gasoline tank.

Line of Welding Presses

THREE sizes of two-ton inverted mechanical presses have been designed for spot and projection resistance welding. The 32, 42 and 60-in. models each have 27-in. deep platens and have adjustable strokes of five, six, and eight in. The large drilled and tapped platen areas permit quick changing of electrode and fixture or die setups. Maximum speed is 2200 strokes per hour.

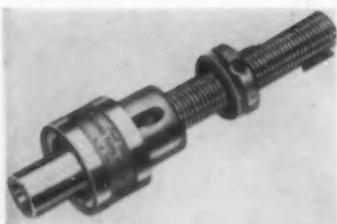
A mechanical drive unit or knee raises the lower platen through a double Scotch yoke mechanism. The drive motor and flywheel runs at constant speed. Air cylinders counterbalance a one-ton load on the platen; a surge tank and closed air circuit keeps air requirements to a minimum. The knee can be easily removed to change the shut height.

When the operator simultaneously depresses interlocked cycle start buttons with each hand, the brake in the mechanical knee is released and the platen rises to top dead center where the brake is again applied. Then a limit switch is tripped, and the welding guns are brought in. The weld timer times out through a squeeze, weld and hold cycle, the guns retract, and the platen returns to bottom dead center. Then the finish-welded part is removed, and the fixture reloaded. *Expert Welding Machine Div.*

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Adapter Shank

ADJUSTABLE adapter shank Toolflex tool holders can be furnished with Morse taper sleeve, straight bore or tap collets. They are designed



Toolflex adapter shank tool holder for close centers.

for close center applications and can operate as close as 7/8 in. centers. Only four main parts are used. A Neoprene insert provides universal float that corrects for both parallel and angular misalignment, preventing bell mouthing and oversized holes or torn and oversized threads. *Burg Tool Manufacturing Co.*

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Single-Purpose Machine Drills Carburetor Bodies



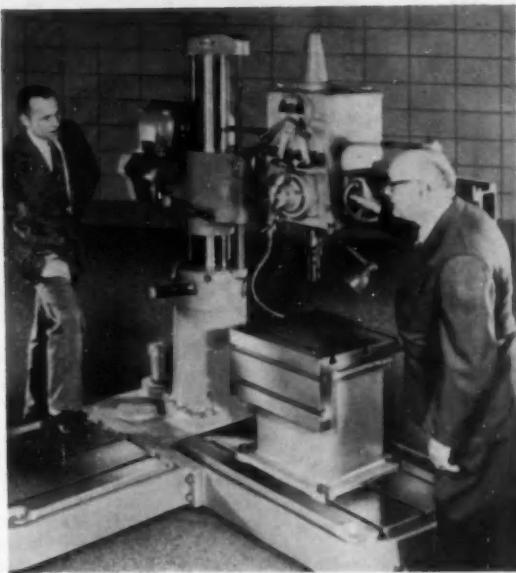
An eight-station transfer machine handles 450 carburetor bodies per hour gross. Parts are dual loaded and ride free on rails between stations propelled by an air-hydraulic mechanism. They are located and clamped in machined valve holes. There are five drill units and two tapping units. *(Hartford Special Machinery Co.)*

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Drill With Hardened Column

A flame-hardened column to prevent scoring provides the Hard-clad radial drill with sustained accuracy. The column is a thick-walled centrifugal casting turned, hardened and finish ground. Simplified two-lever controls are easy to reach. Nine spindle speeds and six power feeds are provided. Anti-friction bearings are used on speed and feed shafts. Capacity is 1½ in. in cast iron; three-ft arm drills to center of 77-in. circle. (Cincinnati Lathe and Tool Co.)

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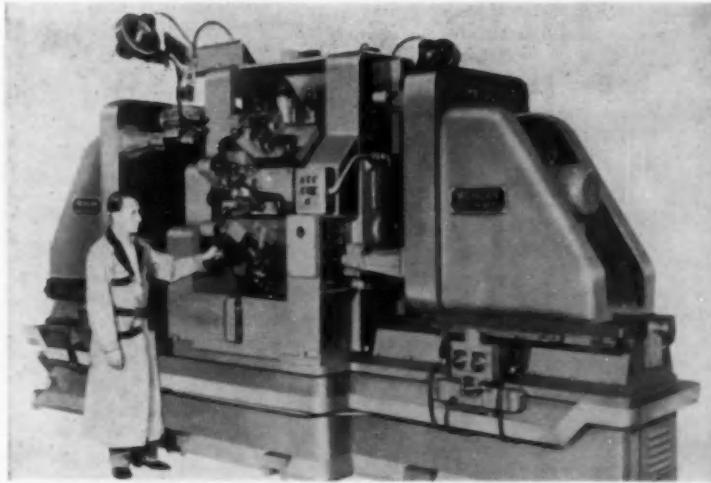


Combines Drilling With Assembling

BUSHINGS and pins are seated in an automatic drilling machine tooled for exhaust manifolds. The trunnion type index table double end machine drills and reams two holes for the heat control butterfly; drills the stop pin hole; feeds, presses and stakes

two bushings; reams the bushings; feeds and presses the pin in place. The machine produces 120 manifolds per hour. Vickers hydraulic components follow JIC standards. Michigan Drill Head Co.

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Center section of this automatic trunnion type machine is accessible for retooling.

Valve-Cylinders

MODELS SVA and SVE cylinders feature integral valves in the rear head and are available in two and three-in. bores, any length of

stroke up to 60 in. and with or without adjustable cushions.

The cylinders have ground and polished stainless steel rods, honed brass tubes and Nylined bearings. The built-in valves are of the slider type,

actuated by a spool whose instantaneous motion is achieved by momentarily bleeding air from one end or the other.

On model SVE the actuation of the cylinder is accomplished through two solenoids available for either 110-v or eight-v operation. On model SVA, the actuation is achieved through two bleeder valves.



Model SVE electrically controlled air cylinder

The valves feature large ports throughout for fast actuation and two-built-in speed controls. The solenoid coils are completely molded in an epoxy resin and impervious to the most intense moisture conditions. A choice of foot mounts, flange mounts, swivel brackets and rod clevis is available for mounting cylinders in any position. A. K. Allen Co.

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Blueprint Stand

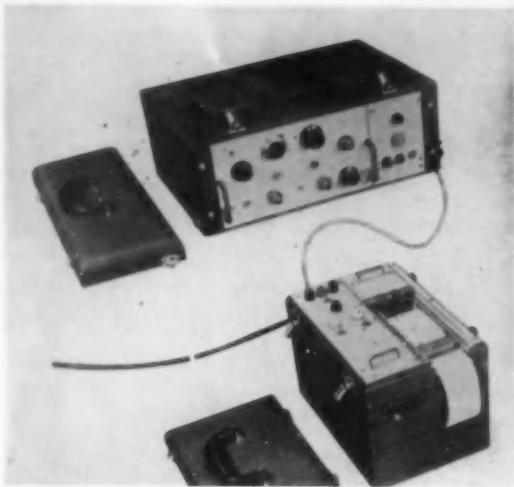


This all-metal six-ft blueprint reading stand also can be wall-hung. The 24 by 40½-in. easel swings 360 deg., tilts 25 deg. Blueprints are secured by six magnetized blocks. (Young Radiator Co.)

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Portable Sanborn single-channel oscillograph Series 150

Record Maker

MONITORING the operation of up to 30 machines simultaneously, giving an instantaneous and permanent record of their operation, cycle, and down time, is the function of a recorder now available. An Electro-sensitive paper, which uses electricity as the ink, makes it possible to pass current from a stylus through the paper and make a mark. Current to activate stylus is picked up by switches

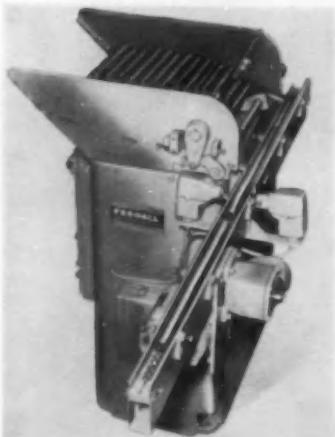


Interpretative remarks may be written on the record of the Alden recorder.

mounted on machines or equipment where a record of activity is needed. Two models are available, with speeds of one and six in. of tape per minute, or one and 12 ipm. *Alden Electric & Impulse Recording Equipment Co.*

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Bar Feeder



Model 1700B bar feeder will handle bars and tubes $\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. in diameter and six to 26 in. long. Any constant speed of five to 20 ipm from hopper to the machine can be set. Cycling can be either photo-electric relay or mercury switch. (*Feedall, Inc.*)

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One-Channel Oscillograph

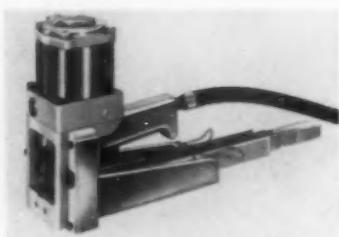
PLUG-IN preamplifiers permit simple changeover from one type of recording to another in the 150 Series single-channel oscillograph system. Seven "150" preamplifiers are available: ac-de, carrier, servo monitor, dc coupling, log-audio, low level, and input coupling. They plug into a driver amplifier-power supply unit model 150-200/400, housed in a carrying case. A simple patch cord connection couples the amplifier to a separately housed recorder model 151-100A.

System features include inkless recording in true rectangular coordinates, at paper travel speeds of 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 mm/sec.; an extra stylus for time marking or coding (manual or remote) along chart edge; provision for making notations on chart during recording. The chart is clearly visible during recording and paper is loaded from the top. Both units of the system are compact, lightweight and portable. *Sanborn Co., Industrial Div.*

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Portable Stapler

AN air operated portable stapler model AB-1 replaces the firm's former pneumatic stapler model HPA. A two-cycle air motor has permitted a reduction in the weight to only 8% lbs, about one third that of the previous model. The new motor also eliminates the need for a return cycle



Air operated stapler

air valve and prevents the machine-gun effect of continuous cycling.

The retractable anvil stapling head has two pivoting anvils that penetrate the carton to provide a clinching base for the entering staple. Adjustable penetration control of both anvil and staple is said to prevent any possible damage to fragile contents. *International Staple and Machine Co.*

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Checks Sulfur in Petroleum

FAST combustion of heavy and light hydrocarbons is now possible with the LI-500P H-F combustion unit. The induction furnace itself, prior to being modified for combustion of petroleum samples, was used extensively for sulfur and carbon determination in the ferrous industry.

Fifteen to twenty minutes are required for one complete analysis, from initial weighing to final computation. Once the weighed sample is placed in the induction field, the operator devotes his entire attention to titrating (iodometric method). The titration assembly consists primarily of an absorption cell covered in ASTM specifications on the lamp sulfur method. In the titration itself, the combusted gases are passed through an acid solution of starch, potassium iodide, and several drops of potassium iodate. At the end of the burning period, the intensity of the blue color is adjusted to that at the start of the test. The amount of standard iodate solution added is a measure of the sulfur content of the sample. The sample is placed in a ceramic container to withstand the thermal shock. The furnace generates temperatures in excess of 3000 F. *Lindberg Engineering Co., Laboratory Div.*

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Enclosed Motor

A N improved motor of the completely enclosed type and which meets the new NEMA standards is now in production. Type J features greater protection through improved types of enclosure, precision fits, closer tolerances in machining, and structural refinements. Exposed surfaces and the frame are cast iron. The stator core is pre-wound and asbestos protected. The rotor is electronically balanced. Other features include an improved slinger seal and a cast split-dome conduit box which can be rotated to any of four positions. The fan type is being produced in ratings from one to 10 hp. *U. S. Electrical Motors, Inc.*

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LP-Gas Kits

FORK truck users can convert their gasoline powered engines to burn liquefied petroleum gas. The UL-approved parts can be used on the maker's standard Clipper, Carloader, Yardlift 40 and Utilitrac model fork trucks. *Clark Equipment Co.*

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Heavy Threading Machine

Model XLA heavy duty threading machines in one or two-spindle designs, come in 1, 1½, 2 and 2½-in. capacity sizes. Spindles are hollow for long threading, and each has its own motor. Coolant flow is automatic, and starting, stopping, jogging and direction of rotation are controlled by pushbuttons. (Hill Acme Co.)

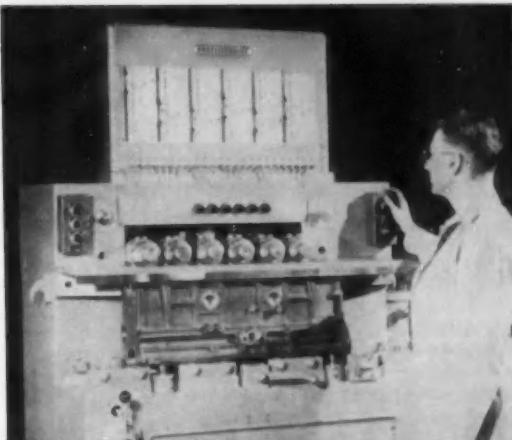
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Semi-Automatic Bore Classifier

Rated capacity at 100 per cent efficiency of this six-cylinder bore gaging and classifying machine is 120 blocks per hour. It classifies bore diameters in 10 steps of 0.0003 in., inspects out-of-roundness and taper, and stamps the classification of each bore on the block. (Sheffield Corp.)

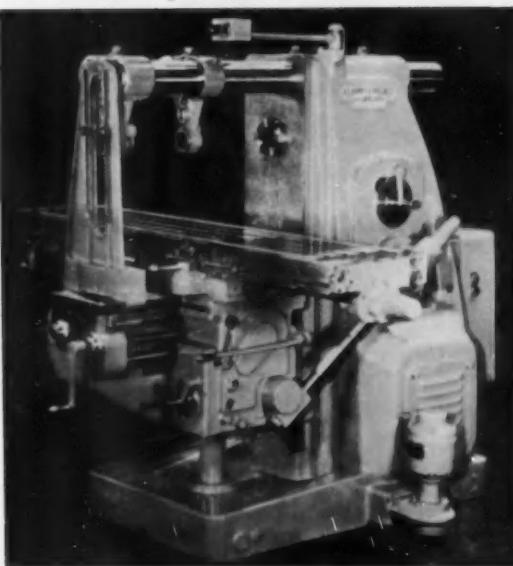
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Low Cost Milling Machine Line

Model CE low cost milling machines for production, tooling or training are available in No. 2 (three hp) or No. 3 (7½ hp) size. Both sizes feature 16 quick-change speeds from 25 to 1300 rpm and feeds of ½ to 25 rpm. Both plain and universal styles are offered. (Kearney & Trecker Corp.)

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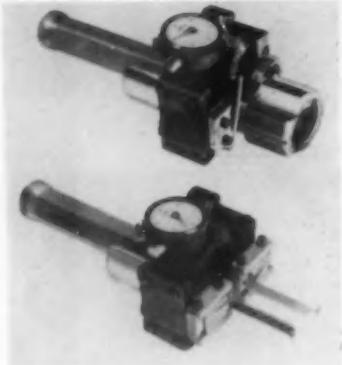


NEW EQUIPMENT



Two-Way Gage

INTERCHANGEABLE segments on a gage being introduced allow both internal threads and internal grooves to be checked with one gage. Model

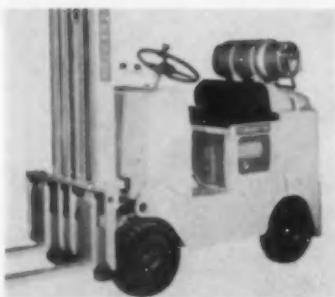


Segments for internal threads (top) and internal grooves.

P-21 is built on the principle of an "expanding" plug which actuates a precision dial indicator showing the size comparison of the part to a master setting ring. It will check threads of 5/16 to five in. diameter. It also provides a high-speed method of checking the diameter and roundness of internal grooves or recesses up to five in. in diameter and grooves located at depths up to one to two in. from a face. *Bryant Chucking Grinder Co.*

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LP Gas Fork Trucks



All models of the manufacturer's line of fork lift trucks are available, gasoline or LP gas power. Present gasoline models may be converted, the company states. (*Towmotor Corp.*)

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Transition Motor Line

POLYPHASE motors in the one to five hp range are now being built to the old NEMA specifications, but incorporating all of the advanced engineering and insulation features of the new Tri-Clad 55 motor. These transition motors will be available in most popular ratings. *General Electric Co.*

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Open Ratchet



A one-piece open end ratchet wrench features a compact head using rollers to grip the work. All moving parts act directly on the work, and no trigger is used to reverse the action. (*The Kramer Fabricating Co.*)

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Checks Pins for Hardness, Size

An automatic multiple action electronic and sclerometer-type sorting gage measures the hardness, overall length, triangular outside-round, outside diameter and taper of automotive piston pins and sorts them into 10 size categories, including four OD groupings of 0.0001 in. each plus oversize and undersize. Its gaging and sorting speed is 4000 plus workpieces per hour. It is designed either for conveyor or manual feed and disposal. (*Federal Products Corp.*)

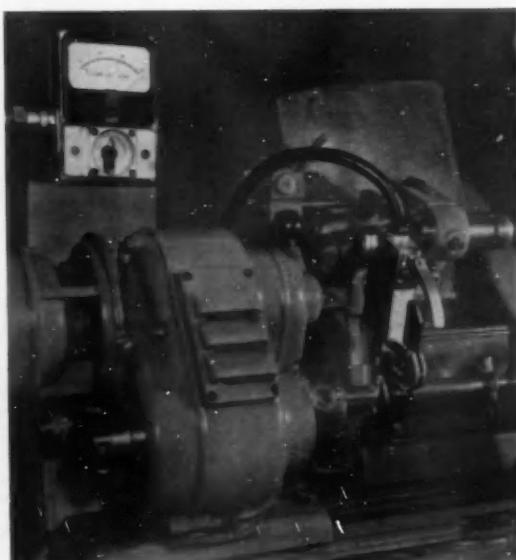


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Micrometer Controls Grinder Cycle

An electronic micrometer now being offered is claimed to be capable of controlling automatically a grinding machine cycle to tolerances as low as 0.00004 in. Standard model CG-2 Electro-Autosizer is self-compensating for wear and other outside influences including temperature and moisture changes. Separate models of this gage and plug-in components are available for a combination of different phases or steps in production processes ranging from grinding to sorting. (*Industrial Gauges Corp.*)

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Materials and Processes: Acid, Rubber, Asbestos, Plastic, Cleaner

Pickling Acid

Compound No. 131 is an acid detergent for pickling and scale removal operations. It is reported to remove light to moderate rust, heat scale, tarnish, and other oxides, as well as normal dirt; and to meet specification MIL-M-10578A, Type III. It is a non-viscous, amber colored liquid having a pH range of 1.5 to 1.0 at 70 F. It is soluble in water or alcohol in all proportions, and rinses easily in hot or cold water. Recommended temperatures range from room temperature to 160 F. *Oakite Products, Inc.*

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Neoprene Lining

NeoLine is a corrosion-resistant neoprene lining that flows on like paint. The heavy duty coating can be heat or air cured. It is said to offer good resistance up to 200 F. Accelerators are packaged separately for a long storage life. *Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co.*

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Stable Silicone Rubber

W-96 silicone gum stock features so-called controlled reactivity. This is said to eliminate specialized compounding and curing techniques often required of the rubber fabricator. An important property is low compression set with negligible sacrifice of tensile strength and elongation. Carbon black fillers can be used. *Linde Air Products Co.*

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Glass Reinforced Tapes

Scotch brand reinforced polyethylene tapes—No. 875 pressure sensitive, and No. 877 heat-sealable—have glass filaments sealed between the tape layers. Strength ranges from 100 to 150 lb per inch of tape width. Backings are resistant to most chemicals and the tapes remain flexible at -60 F. *Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co.*

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Safety Cleaner

No. 400-K safety cleaner is said to be effective in eliminating fire hazards and reducing insurance costs. The cleaner is designed for cleaning dies, machines, tools, floors, and other areas with safety and economy. *Macco Products Co.*

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Photo Aluminum

Processing of Photodized plates can be done with only a sun lamp, a tray for developing, and a hot plate for sealing, in subdued or normal room light. Exposure of templates, charts, and drawings can be made from film negatives, tracing vellum, etc. *Metalphoto Corp.*

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Vinyl Sheet for Drawing

A calendered rigid vinyl sheet has been produced for makers of deep-drawn vacuum formed parts. It is being produced in thicknesses up to 0.04 in., in widths up to 51½ in. *Bakelite Co.*

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Brazing Sinters

Low-temperature silver brazing alloys have been developed for use on porous sintered metal parts. The method consists of filling the pores just below the surface of the metal with colloidal graphite. This forms a non-wettable, non-absorbent coating. Either oil or water base emulsions are brushed or dipped on; the solvent is evaporated; and the surface is lightly brushed and degreased. Parts can be fluxed and brazed in the usual manner. *Handy & Harman.*

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Corrosion Test Strips

Six types of metal corrosion test strips conforming to SAE specifications have been developed. Each strip is 3½ in. long and ½ in. wide, highly polished, numbered, and has a hole drilled in it at the top. They are available in tinned iron, cast iron (SAE 111), steel (SAE 1010), aluminum (SAE 24), brass (SAE 70B), and copper (SAE 71). *Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association.*

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Paper Thermometers

Heat sensitive papers change from white to black at a number of predetermined temperatures between 113 and 580 F. The changes are said to occur within a fraction of a second and with an accuracy of ±1 per cent of the stated temperature. They are said to be useful in reading oven temperatures, testing brake linings and heaters, and in a variety of other applications. *The Paper Thermometer Co.*

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Aluminum Primer

A rust-inhibitive aluminum paste pigment is made up of strontium chromate and powdered aluminum. *Reynolds Metals Co.*

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Asbestos for Laminating

Novabestos papers for laminating with glass-reinforced plastics impart a fine, smooth surface or highly fibrous inner structure. This results because they are made from single asbestos fibers in bundles, instead of tangled or clumped fibers. Various papers are available in several thicknesses up to 0.025 in., with up to 85 per cent glass filament content. They stretch and distort easily, especially sideways. They are compatible with all standard resin binders, using pressures from 15 to 200 psi. *Raybestos-Manhattan Co., Inc.*

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Cutting Compound

High-hardness alloys are said to be more easily machined with Hypersav, a halogen-cresyl compound suspended in a coolant and filler. Containing no water or soap, the compound is similar to light grease in viscosity. It is said to be effective on close tolerance machining of such metals as titanium, beryllium-copper, and stainless steel. It is also said to be stable from -45 to 350 F, and to provide rust and corrosion resistance and lubrication where necessary. *Destiny Products Co.*

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High-Speed Electrode

Stability and ease of handling are features of a low-hydrogen electrode recently introduced for high-speed welding. Named DH-170, it also offers improved striking and restriking characteristics, bead appearance and slag removal. *P&H Welding Equipment Div., Harnischfeger Corp.*

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High Friction Asbestos

A steady coefficient of friction of 0.4 is announced for a molded brake lining called HF7. It is said to preserve the hard wearing, non-fade properties of medium friction molded types. Organic material is reduced to a minimum, for stability at high temperatures. *The Cape Asbestos Co., Ltd.*

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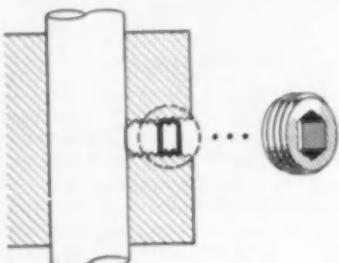
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A musical safety or warning air horn is hand operated, to be independent of a factory air supply. Four models of different length and musical pitch are available complete with a hand pump either push or pull type, mounting straps and six ft of hose.

They are designed in spun brass, chrome plated or finished in prime coat. They are applicable to trucks, buses, plant vehicles, lift trucks, etc., and also for plant signaling use. *Buell Mfg. Co.*

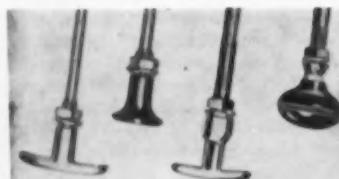
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Hollow lock screws are designed specifically to hold socket set screws securely, when the part is subjected to excessive vibration or high speed. A heat-treated alloy steel lock screw features high strength. The hole permits the set screw to be adjusted without removing the lock screw.

Hollow lock screws are being produced with coarse or fine threads, class three fit, in 12 diameters from No. 6 to one-in.; the length is $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. for smaller sizes and one-half the diameter for larger screws. *Mac-it Div. of Strong, Carlisle & Hammond Co.*

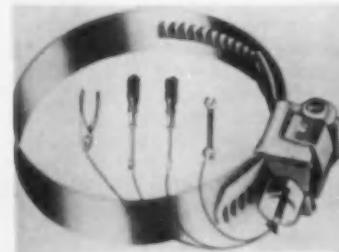
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Hi-Duty pushpull controls are designed for such applications as chokes, throttles and hood release, power take-offs, hydraulic valves and pumpers. Controls offered include: heavy-duty self-locking vernier control for pumpers on tank trucks; friction vernier control for throttles, chokes and other applications; a turn-to-lock control which will hold its setting

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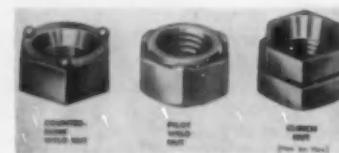
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The geared hose clamp shown, in carbon or stainless steel, is one of four types just announced. With the long gear only five sizes fit hose from $9/16$ to $4\frac{1}{8}$ I. D. Take-up screw has hex head and screw slot. Others are universal, wire, and air or heater types. Two universal sizes are standard $10\frac{1}{2}$ -in. and tractor 14-in. for

hose from $\frac{1}{2}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ I. D. Take-up screw is self-locking, clamp is zinc-coated rolled steel with rounded edges to protect the hose. Wire types feature "push-pulls" design for equal take-up. So-called double-grip wire presses into the hose without cutting. *Joseph Pollak Corp.*

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Both pilot type and counter sunk Gripco weld nuts, and hexagon pilot clinch nuts are available in stainless steel, with and without the self-locking feature. Sizes available at

present are 10-32 through $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. fine and coarse threads. In the near future $5/16$ and $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. sizes will be available. *Grip Nut Co.*

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Forks which extend beyond the outrigger wheels are the features described in a bulletin released on Warehouser stand-up lift trucks. *Yale Materials Handling Div., Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co.*

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Over 35 types and grades of In-surok laminated and molded plastics are described in a 12-page bulletin. Applications using sheet, rods, and tubes and suggestions for working the material are also given. *The Richardson Co.*

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Carbide tips, tools, throw-away blanks and holders are shown and specified in a 33-page catalog available from *Valenite Metals Corp.*

Tubing Analysis 5

The chemical analyses of carbon, alloy and stainless tubing steels for high temperature and high pressure applications are listed and cross-indexed with ASTM specifications and grades, in a new folder. *Babcock & Wilcox Co., Tubular Products Div.*

Press Hand 6

An automatic hand for press room automation is electrically controlled and operated mechanically or by air. A four-page folder gives layout drawings of the device, as well as specifications. *Hamilton Automation, Inc.*

Plastic Tooling 7

A 20-page manual illustrates the basic operations for building reinforced plastic tooling with thermo setting resins. *Marblette Corp.*

Axle Shafts 8

A description of its facilities for manufacturing axle shafts to precision standards is available in a folder published by *U. S. Axle Co., Inc.*

Body Slat 9

A 17-gage cold rolled steel slat for truck bodies, Part No. 602, has just been introduced in Vol. 6, No. 1 of *Parts News*. *Hart Metal Products Corp.*

Air Safety 10

Explosion and fire suppression systems for aircraft are explained in bulletin AD-372 published by *Simmonds Aerocessories, Inc.*

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Four sizes of hand operated air signaling horns are announced in bulletin SD-73 just released by *Buell Mfg. Co.*

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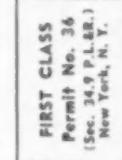
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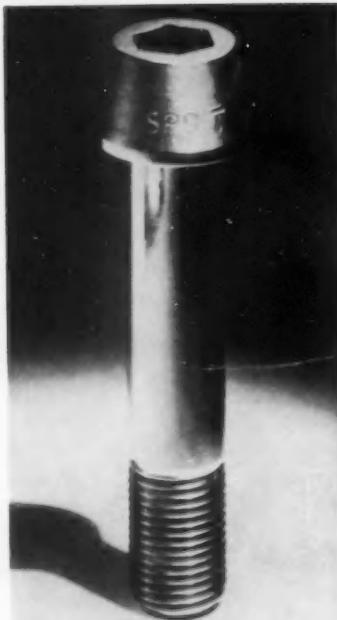
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Bolts of Titanium Now Successful

Part-for-part substitution of titanium for steel bolts in high-strength applications is now feasible. Weight savings of as much as 1000 lb per airplane are said to be possible.

Production is underway on titanium bolts that are 25 per cent stronger in fatigue than comparable steel bolts—50,000 psi for eight million cycles compared to 40,000 for steel. Under a standard 77,000-psi load titanium bolts averaged over 100,000 cycles before failure, to meet MS 20004 for high-strength fasteners. Weight is about 57 per cent that of comparable steel bolts. Shipments of $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. bolts have been made to the aircraft industry, with S-N curves accompanying each sample. Other sizes also are in production. Cost is said to be in the neighborhood of \$100 per pound, compared to \$1.50 for steel bolts. But weight savings in aircraft is said to be worth as much as \$200 per pound.

Special hot forging techniques, and close attention to threads, fillets, and surface roughness are necessary to produce satisfactory titanium bolts, according to the manufacturer. Tensile strengths of close to 150,000 psi are now reached. The alloy used is four per cent each of aluminum and manganese. Surface finish is held to



eight microinches. *Standard Pressed Steel Co.*

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Power Supply

Requirements of specification MIL-E-5400 are said to be met by an encapsulated high voltage power supply now available. Operating from 115 v, 400 c source, it delivers 51 kv at 7.5 ma, 6.3 va-c at 1.5 amp and 0.5 amp. The high voltage transformer, full-wave bridge selenium rectifiers, filter capacitor and bleeder resistors are all made up in one package. Fin construction is used to dissipate heat. Operating range is -80°F to 185°F; size is 4 by 4 by 6 in.; weight is 6½ lb. *Telectro Industries Corp.*

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For Ground Cooling

Portable ground air conditioning unit for cooling aircraft electronic components and comfort cooling is rated for continuous duty, has a capacity of 80 lb per minute at three psig and 45°F., meeting this capacity in ambient conditions to 120 FDB and 75 FWB. Output capacity is fully automatic for any ambient temperature. Drive is by electric motor, or gasoline engine. The unit includes a York six cylinder compressor, and a Roots type blower. *Electroflo, Inc., Div. of American Electronics Inc.*

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Hydraulic Motor

Light weight hydraulic motors are being offered which require only four bolts for mounting. Rated for continuous operation, with shaft speeds up to 4000 rpm and pressures up to 3000 psi, the units will supply up to 150 or 225 lb-in. of torque, or 9.7 or 14.3 hp. The units, which weigh from 6 to 6.8 lb, are designed to meet Specification MIL-M-7997. *United Hydraulics, Inc.*

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External Ejector

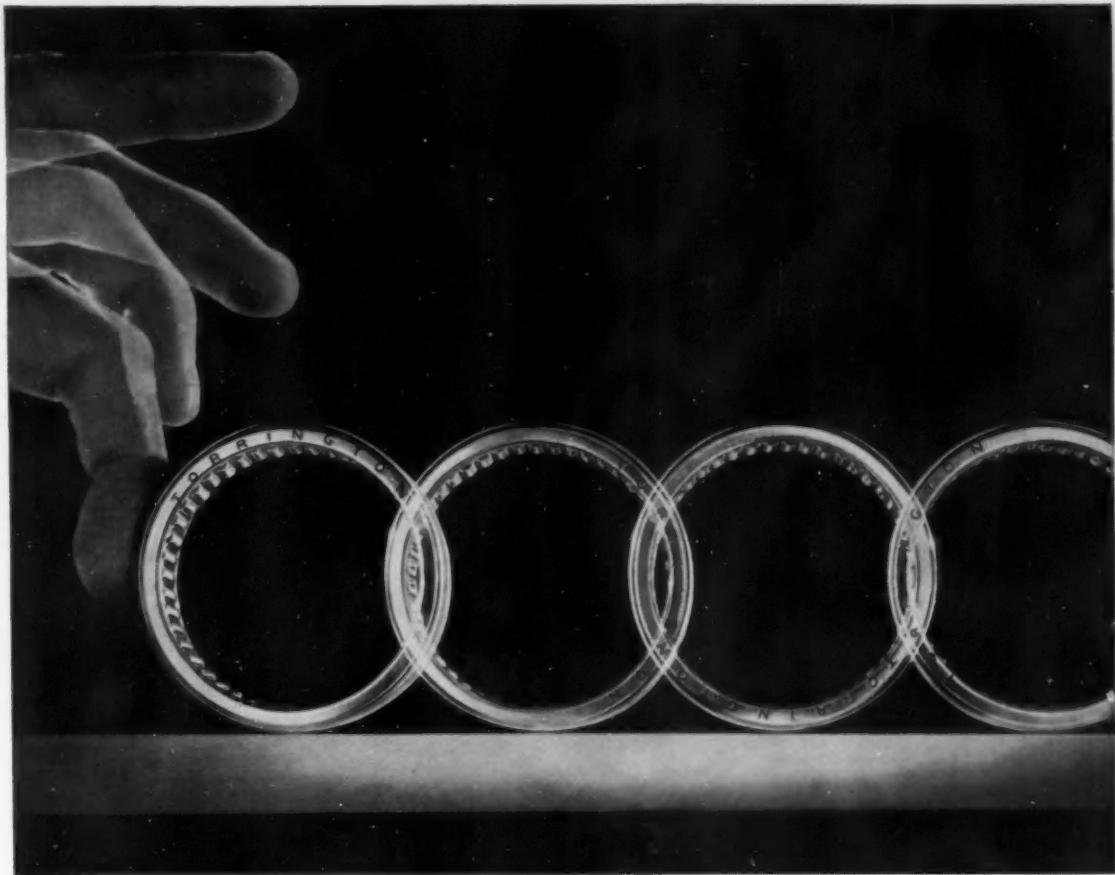
A dual piston ejector rack is designed to provide carriage, suspension, release and separation of external stores from military aircraft at transonic or supersonic speeds. The rack consists of a two-hook carriage and suspension system for either 14-in. or 30-in. center-to-center lug spacing. Hook loads are designed to withstand 120,000 lb ultimate. The rack may be stressed integral with pylon or mating structural assemblies.

Dual telescoping pistons on each rack exert 20,000 to 30,000 lb average force through a stroke of eight in., and produce uniform acceleration curves with low peak forces. Force is exerted directly into the mounting lugs of the respective stores.

With the exception of the electrical impulse (28 v to the cartridge) the system is entirely mechanical. Space has also been provided for either mechanical or electronic arming devices. It may be ground-locked for safety and includes a mechanical safety release.

Where drag loads or fore and aft loads are of a high figure, sway brace configuration may be designed integral into the rack. The weight of the 14-in. ejector is approximately 30 lb; the 30-in. ejector weighs about 45 lb. *Bohanan Manufacturing Co.*

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Machine Tool Ball Bearings DISCUSSED AT CONFERENCE

DUE to the high order of production in American manufacturing, it is anticipated that machine tools of the future will be operating at higher speeds and working to closer tolerances. This will provide better finishes and will handle new alloys with a minimum amount of downtime. Because of these factors which will affect future design, the New Departure Div. of GM recently held a machine tool ball bearing conference in Hartford, Conn. This conference had three basic objectives. As stated by Paul W. Rhame, General Manager of New Departure, these were:

"To develop mutual understanding and knowledge of the engineering problems of today and tomorrow related to the application of ball bearings and machine tools."

"To develop concrete ideas for solving these engineering problems."

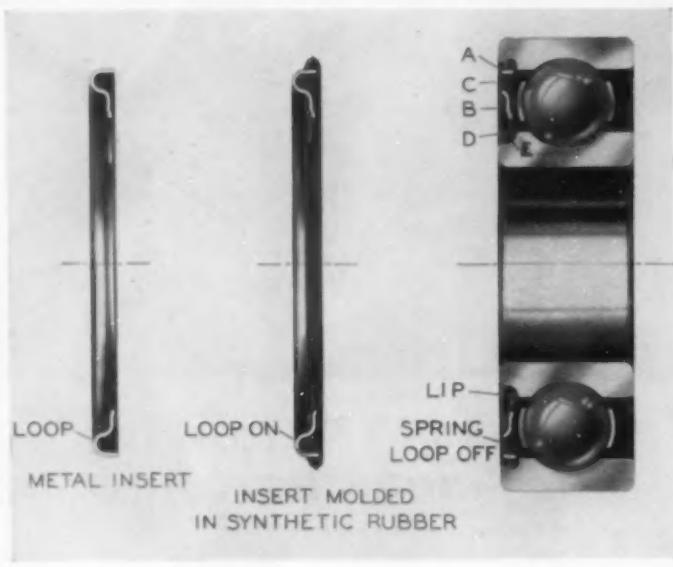
"To add machine tool ball bearing knowledge to the background and experience of the conference participants."

In addition to the six panel discussions held during the conference, New Departure arranged a trip through its Bristol, Conn., plant for the 160 conference visitors. The planned trip was so designed to show research and development, testing procedures, and manufacture of machine tool ball bearings. Conference guests were very much impressed with the degree of testing and the types of machines utilized for the manufacture of high quality ball bearings.

At the first panel discussion which dealt with future ball bearing requirements, it was disclosed that New Departure is working on new materials and processes for increasing bearing load capacity. There is much research being carried out on fatigue life and the use of vacuum melted steel as a bearing material. It is felt that this cleaner steel has a de-

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cided effect on increasing fatigue life due to minimum residual stresses. There is also work being carried out on shot peened bearings to control the stress concentrations. General Motors research is engaged in examining certain bearing type steels using such equipment as X-ray diffraction and the electron microscope.

On the subject of smaller tolerances for ball matching and balls, New Departure stated that a standard grade of ball is spherical within 0.000010 in. and an instrument grade is spherical within 0.000005. A further reduction in spherical tolerance will depend solely on equipment to sort balls in finer increments.

Members of the first panel, when asked the requirements for high speed operation of machine tool precision spindles, responded that the shaft and

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The BUSINESS PULSE

Increased Business Activity Spreading from Construction and Automobile Booms to Wide Range of Other Industries. Present Plans Call for Greater Capital Outlay than During Last Year.

This Survey Is Prepared Exclusively for AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York.

Business Expansion Continues

Business activity has now been rising for more than six months. The outstanding thing of significance about the uptrend at this juncture is that it shows signs of spreading. The automobile and construction booms, though they are still the primary elements of strength, are of less relative importance than they seemed to be a few months ago, because it is clear now that numerous other industries are participating in the upswing. This encourages the hope that over-all business may be sustained at higher levels in the second half of the year, even with the expected decline in automobile output, than observers had thought likely a few months ago.

There is, of course, a continuing need for caution, since the outlook is still characterized by a good many uncertainties; and while these may be clarified to some extent in the spring testing period, they will not finally be resolved until summer or autumn, and conceivably not even then.

The change which has occurred in the character of the uptrend—that is, its broadening—suggests the need for a reappraisal of longer-term prospects. This involves, first, a review of the principal developments of the past six months.

Review of Developments

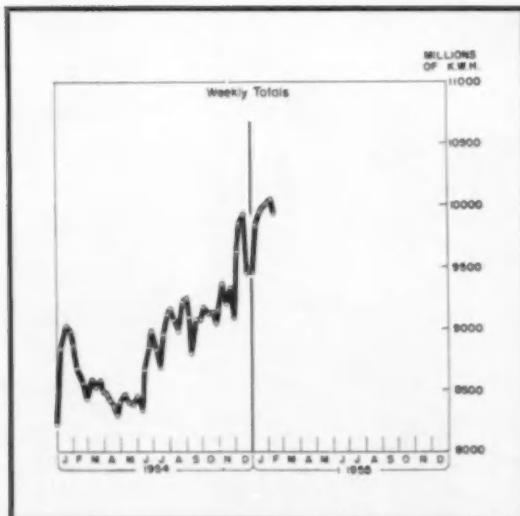
It is instructive to recall the state of business sentiment that prevailed in the weeks immediately after Labor Day. At that time it was generally agreed that the business decline which had been under way since mid-1953 was at or near an end. Inventory liquidation appeared to be just about over, and the downward tendency of Federal expenditures seemed to be abating. This left producers' durable equipment as

the only major component of gross national product still exhibiting a significant downtrend, and this single minus factor seemed to be more than compensated for by strength in the pattern of consumer expenditures, and State as well as local government outlays.

But though the decline seemed at an end, the question that was being asked over and over again was, what sectors of the economy are going to provide the stimulus for sustained recovery? Few answers were forthcoming from analysts. There was recognition of the fact that automobile manufacturers were planning extremely high production for the final two months of the year, but since these schedules were geared to restocking dealers with new models, rather than to long-term prospective demand, there was fear that the impact on general business from this source might weaken sharply after a few months.

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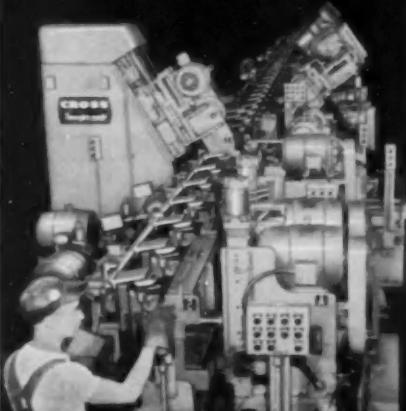
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Welding Titanium

Marquardt Aircraft Co., Van Nuys, Calif., has developed a fusion method for welding unalloyed titanium sheet without filler rod to produce joints that are flush with the base metal and have high ductility. The welded joints can be made by hand or automatic methods. A critical requirement of this type of weld is exact fit of the parts to be joined. Backup and hold-down fixtures also are very important and can affect the finished weld. A sheared surface resulting in a no-gap joint is a must.

Fused welds have been principally used for longitudinal, tight butt joints in material up to 0.062 in. thick. It is expected that thicker material will be used after further testing and experience. It is said that welded samples have been bent 180 deg over a 2T bend radius exhibiting ductility equal to, or greater than, the base metal. Welds tested in tension have exhibited over 100 per cent efficiency in all cases. Elimination of welding rod has reduced the amount of contamination in the weld and the weld area. Another obvious advantage is the elimination of weld bead grinding.

Identification Radar Beacons

A radar beacon system installed on aircraft along with minor modification of the radar transmission equipment will provide greatly improved surveillance radar traffic control procedures. Use of the identification radar beacon will assure an automatic positive "reply" from radar beacon equipped aircraft to the surveillance ground radar and more rapid and efficient identification of aircraft through the use of a system of codes which identify the aircraft on the air traffic controller's radar scope. Improved ease and reliability of tracking aircraft from both the air traffic control and air defense standpoint should result from use of the new equipment. Improved radar coverage in the fringe areas, facilitating the identification of various flights in areas of heavy traffic, and improvement of identification and tracking aircraft when there is moderate to heavy rain are additional advantages.

At a recent meeting of airline representatives held at Indianapolis, Indiana, under the auspices of the Air Transport Association the airlines agreed to equip their aircraft with identification radar beacons. This

action initiated a \$5 million program for procurement and installation of airborne radar beacons.

Colonel J. Francis Taylor, Director of the Air Navigation Development Board, advised the meeting that military ground radars will be equipped to identify aircraft equipped with radar beacons. He also advised that military aircraft were being equipped with these radar beacons at the present time. Milton W. Arnold, vice-president-operations and engineering of the Air Transport Association, commented that the military and civil beacon operations will be compatible.

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Aerial Application	722,000	8
Patrol and Survey	353,000	4
Passenger and Cargo for hire	574,000	7
Instructional	1,248,000	15
Pleasure Flying	1,846,000	22
Civil Air Patrol, experimental and other	158,000	2
Total for General Aviation	8,527,000	100
Compared to U. S. Scheduled Airlines:		
General Aviation	8,527,000	73
Scheduled Domestic	2,403,000	22
Scheduled International	456,000	4
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TOTAL Flying	11,145,000	100

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Newly elected national officers of the American Society of Tool Engineers for the coming year are, left to right: (seated) Dr. H. B. Osborn, Jr., president; H. E. Collins, second vice-president; H. C. McMillen, first vice-president; (standing) R. C. W. Peterson, third vice-president; Wayne Ewing, fourth vice-president; John X. Ryneska, secretary; and Harold D. Long, treasurer.



ASTE Holds 23rd Annual Meeting and First Western Exposition

HIGHLY successful" was the consensus of the large gathering at the first Western Industrial Exposition at Los Angeles last month, sponsored by the American Society of Tool Engineers. The society conducted its 23rd annual meeting, and the two events attracted over 10,000 registrants. Over 35,000 were counted at the door of the show.

The newly elected president is Dr. Harry B. Osborn, Jr., technical director of the TOCCO Div., Ohio Crankshaft Co. He succeeds Joseph P. Crosby, vice-president of Lapointe Machine Tool Co. At the annual banquet, at which the officers were installed, the principal speaker was Prentiss M. Brown, of the Detroit Edison Co. He commented on the problems of developing atomic energy for peacetime applications.

Ernest R. Breech, chairman of the Ford Motor Co., received the 1955 ASTE Progress Award. The citation stated:

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Philip M. McKenna, president of Kennametal, Inc., received the ASTE engineering citation for "original and important contributions to the development of carbide materials and tools . . ."

New officers are: H. C. McMillen, plant manager, Philco Corp., first vice-president; H. E. Collins, Hughes Tool Co., second vice-president; R. C. W. Peterson, owner, Peterson Engineering Co., third vice-president; Wayne Ewing, president of Arrow-

smith Tool and Die Co., Inc., fourth vice-president; Harold D. Long, president of Scully-Jones & Co., treasurer; and John X. Ryneska, General Electric Co., secretary.

The Society created the office of fourth vice-president in place of the previous office of assistant secretary-treasurer. It also elected three new directors. They are: William Moreland, Greenlee Bros. and Co.; W. A. Thomas, division superintendent, Ford Motor Co. of Canada Ltd.; and R. C. W. Peterson. Re-elected to the board of directors are: A. B. Clark, technical consultant, Haynes-Stellite Co.; W. G. Ehrhardt, managing partner, Ehrhardt Tool and Machine Co.; G. A. Goodwin, chief process engineer, The Master Electric Co.; J. O. Horne, owner, J. O. Horne Co.; C. M. Smillie, owner, C. M. Smillie & Co.; R. A. Smith, chief tool engineer, Pratt & Whitney Div., Niles-Bement-Pond Co.

Dr. Osborn, H. C. McMillen, H. E. Collins, Wayne Ewing and Harold D. Long also were elected to the board. As immediate past-president, Joseph P. Crosby automatically will become a board member.

Six plant tours attracted a large audience, including inspections of AiResearch Mfg. Div., North American Aviation, National Supply Co., McCulloch Motors Corp., Byron-Jackson Co., and Lockheed Aircraft Corp.

Many new developments on display at the Exposition were described in AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRIES, March 1, beginning on page 52.

Plastic tooling cost advantages were explored at one of several interesting panel discussions. This session was co-sponsored by the Society of Plastics Engineers. John Delmonte, Furane Plastics, Inc., outlined properties of the newest addition to the family of tooling resins—the epoxies. Discussing selections of the proper material, he pointed out that the hardest surface does not necessarily indicate the toughest

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Westinghouse Forms New Unit To Make Torque Converters

Schneider Manufacturing Corp., Muncie, Ind., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Westinghouse Electric Corp., has been dissolved to form the Hydraulic Drives Dept. of the Westinghouse Gearing Div. Schneider was purchased by Westinghouse in October, 1954.

The Hydraulic Drives Dept. will sell, engineer, and manufacture hydraulic torque converters and associated brakes and transmissions. Headquarters will remain at Muncie, Ind.

Roadbuilding Boom Spurs Expansion At Caterpillar

Confident that 1955 will show a big upturn in the earthmoving business, many manufacturers are spending sizable amounts of money to bring their facilities up to date for production of various types of roadbuilding equipment. Caterpillar Tractor Co., for example, this year will put its sixth U. S. plant into operation in Decatur, Ill., and dole out about \$3 million for a new wholly-owned subsidiary in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Altogether, the company estimates that it will spend more than \$21 million on expansion this year to bring the total expenditures since World War II to

more than a sizable \$200 million.

Although Caterpillar sales to commercial users and the Government declined in 1954, profits showed a substantial gain in totaling \$25 million, against \$20 million in 1953. Sales amounted to \$401 million, compared with \$433 million the previous year, as government orders dropped by more than 25 per cent to \$13 million.

L-M and Chrysler Div. Announce Prices for Montclair, Imperial

Lincoln-Mercury has put a suggested list price of \$2450 on the new Mercury Montclair sedan (see AI, Jan. 15, p. 34). Federal, state or local taxes, optional equipment, and accessories are extra.

Chrysler Div. of Chrysler Corp. has announced new prices for the 1955 Crown Imperial line. Factory retail prices at Detroit, Mich., are as follows: Crown Imperial eight-passenger sedan, \$6406; Crown Imperial limousine, \$6520.

Aeroquip Acquires Maker Of Aircraft Components

Aeroquip Corp. has announced the acquisition of Marman Products, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif., manufacturer of pipe clamps, flex joints and valves, for an undisclosed price. The acquisition was described as an important step in Aeroquip's program of expansion and diversification.

Die Casting Society Organized in Detroit

A new technical society, named the Society of Die Casting Engineers, has been formed to further technological advances in the field of die casting and finishing of metals as well as in die molding of plastics and powdered metals. A major aim is the development of modern standards for the die casting industry.

Membership in the Society of Die Casting Engineers is open to those whose business activities relate to die casting, die molding, finishing, and related arts. The new society's national headquarters and offices will be located at 19370 James Couzens Highway, Detroit 35, Mich.

Van Zee Is Named President Of ICEI at Recent Meeting

Newly elected president of the Internal Combustion Engine Institute is B. G. Van Zee. He is chief engineer, Automotive Engineering Div., Minneapolis-Moline Co.

Other officers elected at the Institute's recent meeting were: vice-president—E. Don Tull, vice-president and general manager, Cummins Engine Co., Inc.; secretary—H. W. Smith, consulting engineer, Engine Div., Caterpillar Tractor Co.; and treasurer—Phil Norton, vice-president in charge of sales, Wisconsin Motor Corp.

EVERY SECTION OF COUNTRY SHOWED GAINS IN JANUARY OVER LAST YEAR

Regional Sales of New Passenger Cars

Zone	Region	January 1955	December 1954	January 1954	Per Cent Change	
					January over December	January over January 1954
1	New England	25,571	25,391	17,965	+ .71	+43.13
2	Middle Atlantic	79,058	130,086	61,011	-38.54	+31.06
3	South Atlantic	61,342	77,623	45,572	-29.97	+34.00
4	East North Central	169,811	167,254	86,480	-34.28	+27.14
5	East South Central	21,985	23,346	17,046	-19.87	+25.97
6	West North Central	41,019	65,171	30,811	-34.68	+34.70
7	West South Central	30,915	60,140	38,234	-44.78	+1.00
8	Mountain	12,183	22,922	10,563	-48.81	+19.43
9	Pacific	51,129	68,700	35,586	-25.64	+43.64
Total—United States		448,024	658,001	340,708	-32.90	+29.12

States comprising the various regions are: Zone 1—Conn., Me., Mass., N. H., R. I., Vt.; Zone 2—N. J., N. Y., Pa.; Zone 3—Del., D. C., Fla., Ga., Md., N. C., S. C., Va., W. Va.; Zone 4—Ill., Ind., Mich., Ohio, Wis.; Zone 5—Ala., Ky., Miss., Tenn.; Zone 6—Iowa, Kan., Minn., Mo., Neb., N. D., S. D.; Zone 7—Ark., La., Okla., Tex.; Zone 8—Ariz., Colo., Ida., Mont., Nev., N. M., Utah, Wyo.; Zone 9—Cal., Ore., Wash.



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10 years, but — although the scheduled airlines in the United States flew a grand total of 2,403,000 hours in 1953, flying in other civil aircraft for business, industry and pleasure was more than three times as much — 8,186,000 hours.

This kind of flying, other than by scheduled airlines and the CAA, is referred to by the Civil Aeronautics Administration as General Aviation.

General Aviation flying includes:

Business Flying: use of aircraft by companies and individuals in carrying out in their own aircraft operations of their given enterprises or professions.

Aerial Application: use of aircraft in dusting, spraying and other agricultural activities.

Patrol, Survey and Other Industrial Flying: use of aircraft to patrol public utility properties; pipe, power and telephone lines; aerial photography and mapping surveys; wildlife survey and commercial fishing.

Passenger and Cargo Transportation: use of aircraft for hire including air taxi service, fixed base operators flying special charter or contract flights, and large irregular carries (excluding their military contract flying).

Instruction: use of aircraft for instructional flying including both dual and solo time.

Pleasure: use of aircraft for pleasure flying.

New Vertical Gyro

A radically new type of vertical gyro of improved performance to reduce and stabilize free drift error has been developed and placed into

production by Lear, Inc., of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The new gyro is made of steel throughout and in use it provides a vertical reference for such gyro stabilized equipment as remote attitude indicators, autopilots and bombing systems.

Delivery of Utility and Executive Aircraft

During January, 1955, a total of 328 one to 10-place utility and executive aircraft were delivered by six aircraft companies. The shipments included 270 planes of four place or more, and 58 one- and two-place aircraft with a total dollar value of \$4,417,000. This compares to a December 1954 shipment of 273 planes valued at \$3,924,000. Piper Aircraft delivered the most—142, Cessna was next with 124, then Beech with 56, Aero Design with four, and Mooney and Taylorcraft with one each.

USAF Is World's Biggest Business

The United States Air Force, buying more than a million separate items a year, continues to be the biggest business in the world. By July, 1956, the Air Force will have bought more than \$25 billion worth of aircraft of all types and related equipment since the outbreak of war in Korea in June, 1950. During the next 18-month period alone, the Air Force will take delivery on approximately \$10 billion worth of supplies and equipment.

Best example of the tremendous Air Force purchasing program needed to maintain U. S. air supremacy is that USAF, during a recent seven-month period, made 524,864 contracts to buy \$2,557,598,000 worth of items.

NEWS OF THE MACHINERY INDUSTRIES

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Research Results on Shot-Peening Titanium

Recently an investigation of the use of shot peening on titanium and titanium alloys was made by the Cargill Detroit Corp. The objective was to determine the degree of curvature attainable in the usual strip specimens employed in evaluating shot peening specifications. Results are summarized briefly below.

Samples submitted for this test—0.032 and 0.072 in. thick—were

sheared into $\frac{1}{4}$ x 3-in. strips. Held in the usual type of fixture, the strips were subjected to perpendicular impact of chilled iron shot, using an oscillating arm support for the nozzle to assure uniform distribution of shot over the strip.

Using several ranges of pressures, three different ranges of time, and shot sizes of 0.017 and 0.055 in., final results indicated that shot peening will induce radii of curvature of considerably less than $\frac{1}{2}$ in. in strips
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Leipzig Fair

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Drive is through a five-speed gearbox providing a maximum of 10.5 mph.

One new Czechoslovak engine for heavy-duty work was a compact V-12 Diesel rated at 450 hp at 1360 rpm max. Direct injection is used, compression ratio is 15.8 to 1, and bore and stroke are 6.69 in. and 7.48 in. For some unexplained reason the Czechs' new Spartak automobile was not exhibited, although it was shown at Brussels in January. Nor did they bring their new Zetor Super tractor to Leipzig. A few details were available on this, however. The machine is supplied with wheels or tracks, with a change-over in two hours stated to be possible. The four-cylinder Diesel of 254 cu in. displacement puts out 42 hp at 1500 rpm. There is a five-speed gearbox with one reverse, and the wheeled version has a rear pto and belt pulley.

A number of engines built by Communist China were at the Fair. Like most of the other Chinese engineering exhibits, several of these were based on Russian designs, although one was indicated as a Czechoslovak engine. This was a four-cylinder industrial Diesel rated at 90 hp at 750 rpm with 6.29 in. bore and 8.85 in. stroke. A larger six-cylinder Diesel was rated at 120 hp at 1000 rpm. China also displayed a trailer-mounted six-cylinder Diesel, driving a V-form air-cooled compressor.

Poland exhibited its Ursus C.45 wheeled tractor, which appears to be a close replica of the German Lanz Bulldog. This has a single-cylinder horizontal Diesel engine of the hot-bulb type developing 38 hp at 630 rpm. Russia's only novelty in the automotive line was a D-159B bulldozer based on the DT-54 crawler tractor and a D-271 mounted on the larger S-80.

Non-Communist participation at the Leipzig Fair this year reached a postwar high, and West German industry in particular made an exceptionally strong showing. Iron and steel, heavy engineering and machine building, and machine tools predominated among the 1600 firms from the Federal Republic which exhibited (compared with 1120 last September and 620 in 1953). Few vehicle manufacturers were represented, but the West German tractor industry was there in strength. There were large outdoor displays by International Harvester GmbH (Neuss), Allgaier, Hanomag, Normag, Lanz and others.

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0.032 in. thick. The use of higher pressures, longer peening intervals, and larger shot sizes probably would result in comparable bending of thicker samples.

It was found that the largest deflections were accompanied by greatest surface porosity. Furthermore, finer shot sizes result in finer surface finish for any deflection.

Gear Grinding Expands

To implement its Machine Tool Division for capacity to produce its new single spindle screw machine, the Gear Grinding Machine Co., Detroit, has constructed an addition to its Christopher plant. The new building provides a 33 per cent increase in floor space at this plant. These additional manufacturing facilities will also provide adequate production for both screw machines and gear grinding machines.

Merchant Honored

Dr. M. Eugene Merchant, assistant director of research, Cincinnati Milling Machine Co., Cincinnati, was the recipient of the Sixth Annual Outstanding Engineer Award presented by the Technical and Scientific Societies Council of Cincinnati at their 20th annual joint meeting. The Council recognized the advancements in scientific knowledge of benefits to industry achieved through Dr. Merchant's original research in friction, lubrication, and metal cutting.

Hartford Buys Rockwell Line

Last month the Hartford Special Machinery Co. took over the manufacturing, sales and servicing of the line of Rockwell (Delta-Milwaukee) hydraulic drill units from Rockwell Manufacturing Co., Pittsburgh. The tools will be made in Hartford Special's new Simsbury, Conn., plant. Special equipment is being transferred to the plant from Pittsburgh. Key personnel from sales, engineering and production will be retained and will relocate in the Hartford area.

Gears Climb

It is reported by the American Gear Manufacturers Association that shipments in the gearing industry have increased almost 5½ per cent in

February as compared with January of this year. The index figure for February is 148.5 (1947-49 = 100).

Passenger Car Body Width

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In Column C we have calculated half the difference between overall width and shoulder room. This figure then represents the actual distance in inches, from the point at which shoulder room is taken, to the extreme edge of sheet metal on the exterior. It also represents a measure of the amount of space left to the stylist and body engineer who may be seeking additional shoulder width.

Obviously, any further utilization of this air space would imply a

change in contour of the body in transverse cross-section, thus encroaching upon the domain of the stylist.

Looking at the tabulation, one is struck by the enormous gain that has been made by all passenger car builders in utilizing body width to the best advantage. For example, among the highest priced cars dimension "C" ranges from 10.1 in. on Lincoln to 11.25 in. on Packard. Lowest values are 7.5 in. on Willys, and 7.95 in. on Studebaker. Curiously enough, Dodge, Hudson, Nash, and Plymouth are exactly on a par with a dimension of 8.35 in.

It may be noted at this point that the cars in the tabulation have been arranged in ascending order of values of "C" rather than alphabetically, to afford a better comparison by the reader.

The gains made this year in improving the utilization of body width for passenger room are so significant that no further comment seems to be needed unless body profiles are changed much more radically in the future.

NEW PLANT EQUIPMENT

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Stand-Up Truck

This new stand-up Fork truck allows the use of two batteries placed on either side of the operator, with-



out sacrificing mobility and with an increase in performance. A foot switch with two speeds forward and two speeds reverse and equipped with a dead-man brake, gives one-foot control operation and automatic braking. The storage batteries, either 12-volt units connected in parallel for inde-

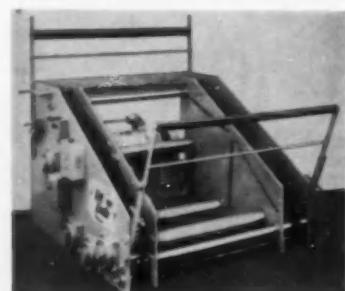
pendent or simultaneous use, or six-volt units connected in series provide up to 800 amp-hr capacity. Dimensions are 31 in. or 42 in. in width and 58½ in. in length, not including forks, and with a turning radius of 52 in. *Market Forge Co.*

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One of the largest built by this firm, the 7000-lb Koil Kradle accommodates coil stock up to 42 in. in diameter and 40 in. wide. It will automatically operate intermittently by means of its vari-loop control, or continuously at a selected speed. Hand cranked guide plates have hardened rolls to reduce side friction. *Benchmaster Mfg. Co.*

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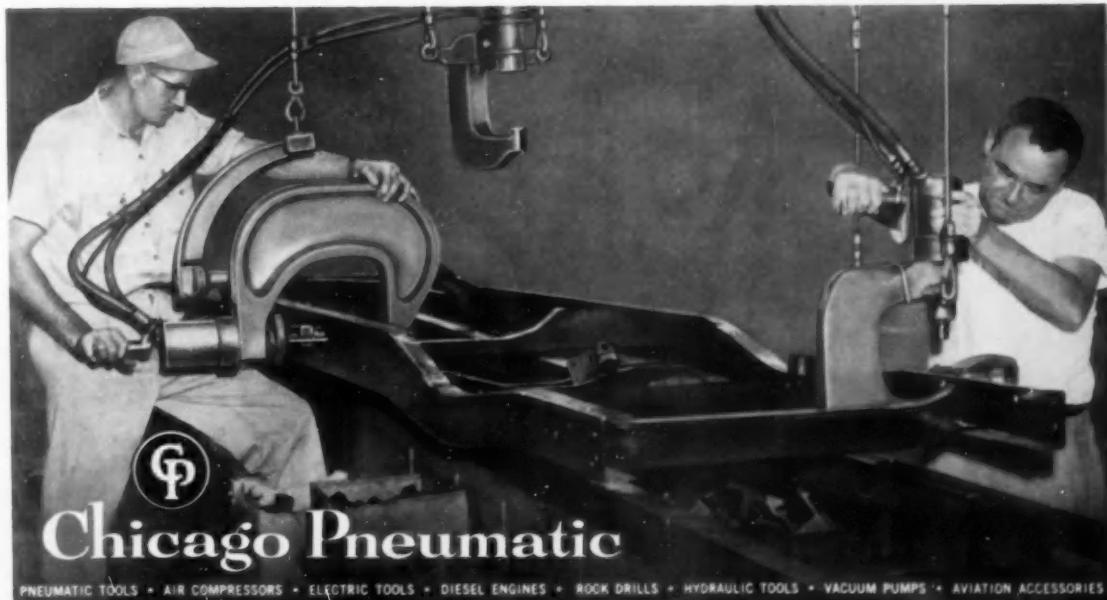


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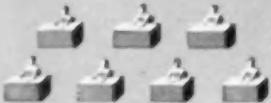


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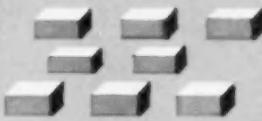
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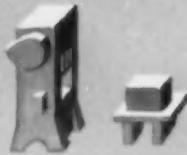
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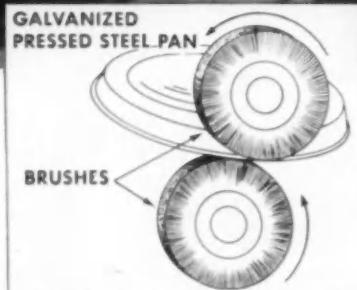
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Dodge Trucks for '55

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valves; Stellite-faced exhaust valve inserts; Roto-Cap exhaust valve rotators, and hardenable iron valve guides.

As indicated, the V-8 for V models is basically the same 331.1 cu in. displacement engine, with the same design features. The increase in output is obtained by the use of two carburetors; individual intake manifolds; and two exhaust systems with separate exhaust pipes, mufflers, and tailpipes. A governor and oil filter are standard equipment on both engines.

Where governors are used, the recommended governed speed for all V-8's is 3900 rpm.

All V-8 engines will operate on regular grade fuels.

Solenoid-actuated type starters with key switch control are standard for V-8's, for six-cylinder Forward Control models, and for all right hand drive models.

Twelve-volt ignition is available as extra equipment on all R, T, and V models. Resistor type spark plugs and weatherproofed ignition system are used on all engines. Incidentally, a twin exhaust system is used on certain models in conjunction with the larger output V-8 engines.

While manual shift transmissions are continued without change, Dodge has added a new three-speed heavy duty remote shift transmission as extra equipment for Forward Control models.

In addition, two automatic transmissions and a new overdrive are available as extra equipment, overdrive being offered in conjunction with the standard three-speed transmission for $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton models.

The two-speed PowerFlite automatic transmission is available on $\frac{1}{2}$ -, $\frac{3}{4}$ - and 1-ton conventional and Forward Control models. The new heavy duty three-speed automatic transmission, called the Super Truck-O-Matic, is offered only with six-cylinder engines for Models F, G, and FN. When used in conventional models, this transmission must not be used in tractor-trailer service.

The Super Truck-O-Matic unit combines a torque converter with a starting torque ratio of 2.16:1, and a three-speed planetary gearbox with forward ratios of 2.308, 1.435 and 1.00 and a reverse ratio of 2.009.

One of the outstanding features of this unit is the solid drive in direct gear, the torque converter with locked

gearbox in direct drive, preventing slip and heat loss, thereby increasing the efficiency; also it reduces overrun of the engine in direct gear, and makes downhill engine braking fully effective, as the reverse torque is delivered 100 per cent to the engine.

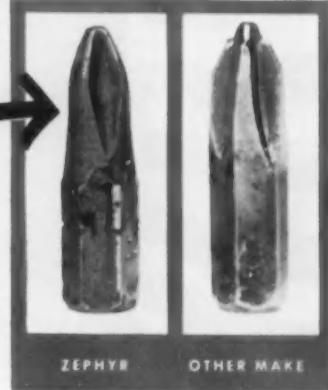
The transmission shifts automatically and progressively from low gear to second gear to high gear, with

corresponding down shifts, and without releasing the accelerator pedal. The shifts are said to be smooth and within a wide range are responsive to the operators desires.

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Front axle ratings have been increased on models from ½-ton through 2½-ton. Rear axle ratings have been upped on 1-ton, 2½-ton, and 4-ton models. Timken H-120 and H-320 rear axles with 16,500-lb ratings are available for the 2½-ton model to meet maximum GVW ratings. Two-speed rear axles are available on all models from 1½-ton G through the 4-ton ratings.

A special extra equipment package is offered on 4-ton models. It includes a new 11,000-lb rating front axle with larger brakes, heavy-duty springs, frame reinforcements. Power steering and air brakes also are required with this package.

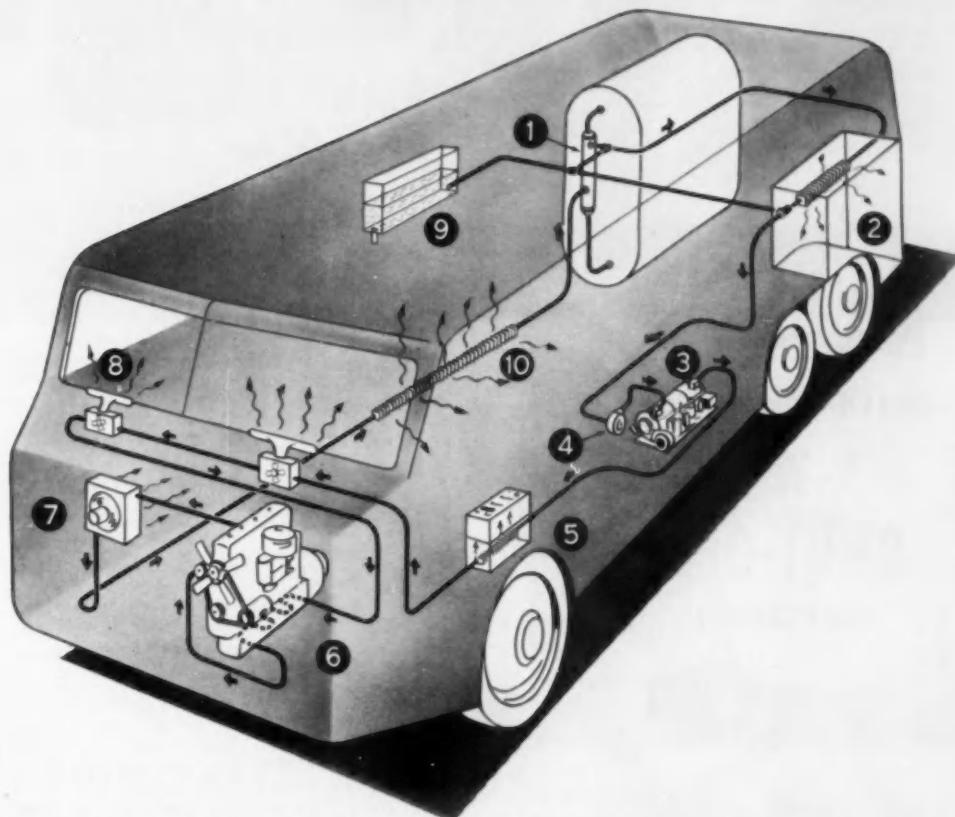
Vacuum brake boosters are available on all models from 1-ton up. A new 7½-in. diameter vacuum brake booster is offered as extra equipment for 1-ton models.

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MACHINE OPERATIONS AND SETUPS, by Harold W. Porter, Clark H. Lawshe, and Orville D. Lasco, published by American Technical Society, 848 E. 58th St., Chicago 37, Ill. Price, \$5.50. Industry and education, plus the utilization of a national survey, produced this book. It is designed to meet the specific requirements of modern instruction in machine shop techniques. The authors, guided by the results of the survey, have incorporated new widely-used operations into this text, and have repudiated the practice of useless repetition of out-of-date practices. Readers will see the demand for greater emphasis on operations and setups brought skillfully and comprehensively to fruition, with specially prepared illustrations to show the operations, safety measures, and modern equipment in ultramodern detail. The book gains further significance in its top-grade treatment of grinding operations.

THE GYROSCOPE APPLIED, by K. I. T. Richardson, published by Philosophical Library, Inc., 15 E. 49th St., New York 16, N. Y. Price, \$15.00. A few years ago the gyroscope was comparatively unknown. Today, the gyroscope plays an important part in the navigation and control of ships and aircraft, in gunfire control, bomb sights, and the torpedo. Thus, there has grown up in recent years a major section of the engineering industry specializing in the design and manufacture of gyroscopic equipment which is being extended still further as the guided missile is developed, perhaps leading eventually to inter-planetary flight.

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Spare parts—415 ea.—\$808,550

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BARBER-COLMAN COMPANY, Rockford, Ill.

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BARRETT EQUIPMENT COMPANY, St. Louis, Missouri

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BEECH AIRCRAFT CORP., Wichita, Kansas

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BENDIX AVIATION CORP., Bendix Products Div., South Bend, Ind.

Brake assy.—1086—\$656,066

Carburetors—51 ea.—\$65,626

Brake assembly—1159—\$3,522,476

BENDIX AVIATION CORP., Eclipse-Pioneer Div., Teterboro, N. J.

Indicator—\$643,791

BENDIX AVIATION CORP., Utica Div., Utica, New York

Pump assys—Various—\$281,345

Pump-air-assys—473 ea.—\$182,559

BOEING AIRPLANE CO., Seattle, Washington

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BORG-WARNER CORP., Rockford Clutch Div., Rockford, Ill.

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Tank, 90MM T48E2—4—\$750,000

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Starter generators—18

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CONTINENTAL MOTORS CORP., Muskegon, Michigan

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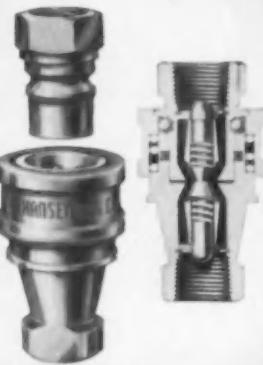
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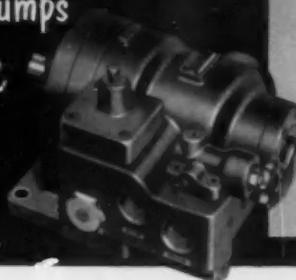
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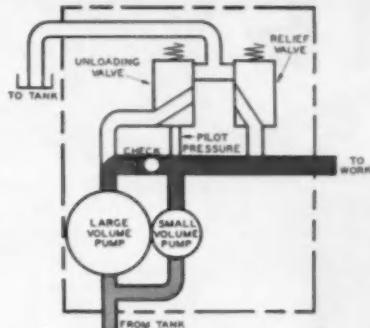


Fig. 1 Combined Delivery of Large and Small Volume Cartridges at Low Pressure

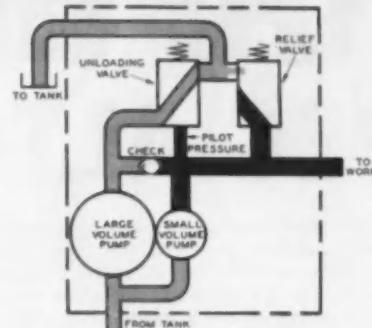


Fig. 2 Delivering Small Volume at High Pressure

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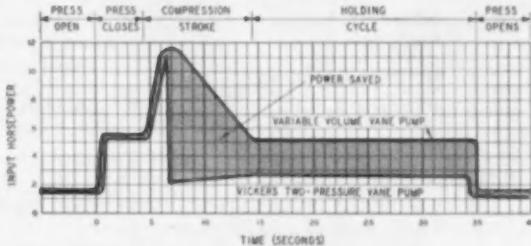


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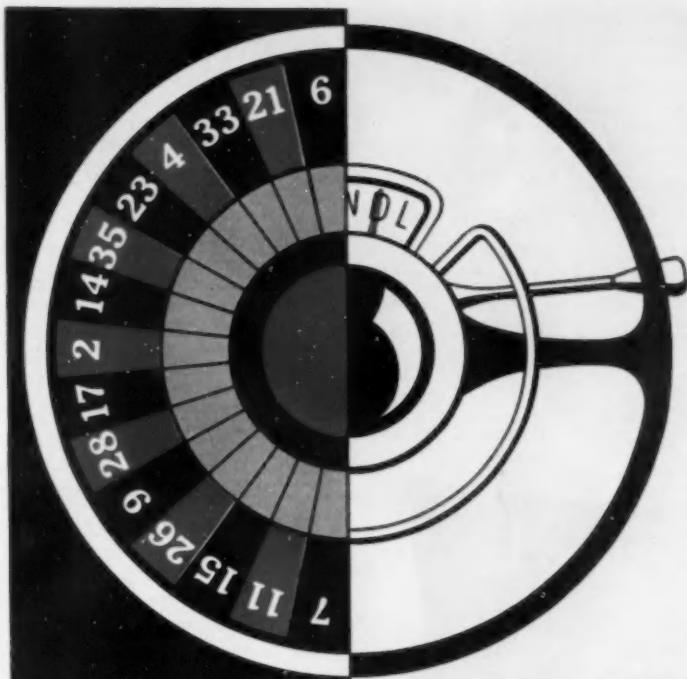
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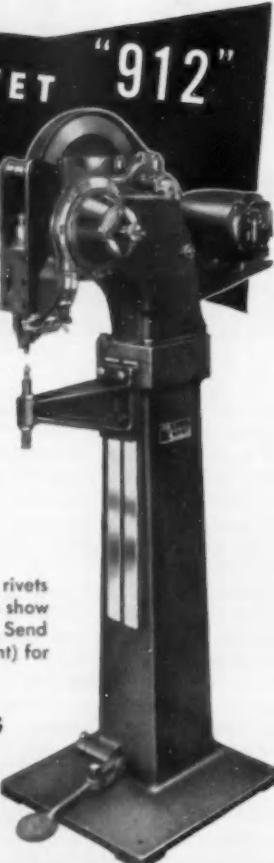
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New Titanium Alloys Disclosed at Conference

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tire production processes, statistical quality control is utilized at every stage of manufacture.

It is of interest that within the past month Mallory-Sharon has put into production two new titanium alloys. According to the company, these alloys are the first major developments in some time. The first of these

is the six-aluminum four-vanadium alloy, developed by Armour Research Foundation under contract to Watertown Arsenal Laboratory. Mallory-Sharon worked very closely with Pratt & Whitney Aircraft during the initial production stages. It is stated that this is the first weldable titanium alloy having high notch toughness. It is comparable to high strength steels used in armor plate and weapons. The company used it at temperatures up to 750 F with maximum creep resistance. For the other alloy, Mallory-Sharon used a three manganese complex composed of three per cent manganese, one per cent chromium, one per cent molybdenum, one per cent vanadium, and one per cent iron. This particular metal is heat treatable and is designed for use up to about 500 F and is considered a lightweight replacement for high strength steel. It was developed by Battelle Memorial Institute under Air Force contract.

The remainder of the conference was taken up with several interesting papers. John H. Garrett, chairman on the steering group on titanium research and development, office of assistant secretary of defense research and development, Department of Defense, gave the keynote address. He stated that the Government would like to increase the research program for titanium by \$2 million per year for a total outlay of \$4½ million a year. According to Mr. Garrett, there is a definite need for better methods and better uniformity in titanium production. He stated that it will be at least five more years before this country will utilize 35,000 tons of titanium per year for aircraft production. Because of this, industry should find other military and commercial uses for this lightweight material beside just aircraft components. Mallory-Sharon has a melting capacity of 1500 tons a year.

It was brought out by Frank H. Vandenburg, vice president and general manager of Mallory-Sharon, that one airframe company is producing a supersonic jet fighter that utilizes over 700 lb commercially pure and alloy titanium for an aft fuselage section. He went on to say that the military usage of titanium is not restricted to the aircraft industry by

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any means. Army equipment such as tank parts, field guns and trails, armor plate and various types of portable equipment have utilized the lightweight and corrosion resistance of titanium. The Navy has found many applications in submarines and mine sweepers. It is felt that there is an unlimited civilian market, but the price will have to be much lower so that it will be economically feasible.

One of the main production problems, according to Burt H. McKibben, chief metallurgist, was that titanium picked up considerable hydrogen during the melting process. With the new Method "S" procedure, Mallory-Sharon has been able to control the amount of hydrogen pickup. Each time that titanium is subject to heat or cleaning, tests for hydrogen content must be made.

The director of research, L. S. Busch, stated that one of the major projects concerning the vacuum melt furnaces is one involving arc stability and control. Closely allied with this problem is the stirring of the melt to improve homogeneity and ingot surface. The research department has four projects continually underway. These involve alloys for jet engine use, alloys for airframe, high strength alloys and miscellaneous alloy research. He stated that if the progress in the next five years is equivalent to that made in the past two years, we can expect some outstanding accomplishments in the titanium field. He named three specific things we may expect.

1. Sheet alloys which can be formed in a soft condition and aged to strengths of 200,000 psi with a weight saving over stainless steel of about 30 per cent.

2. Forging alloys which will compete with high heat treat steel at 280,000 psi ultimate at room temperature with a saving of 40 per cent in weight.

3. High temperature alloys which will have the required creep characteristics at 800 F and possibly at 1000 F.

James A. Roemer, president of Mallory-Sharon, stated that the titanium industry needs new orders primarily for commercial applications, and the industry would like the Government to release more sponge to titanium manufacturers. Mallory - Sharon shipped 1½ times more material in 1954 as compared with 1953, and it is anticipated that this will increase for 1955 provided the military specify titanium for more airframe parts, engine parts, and other defense needs.

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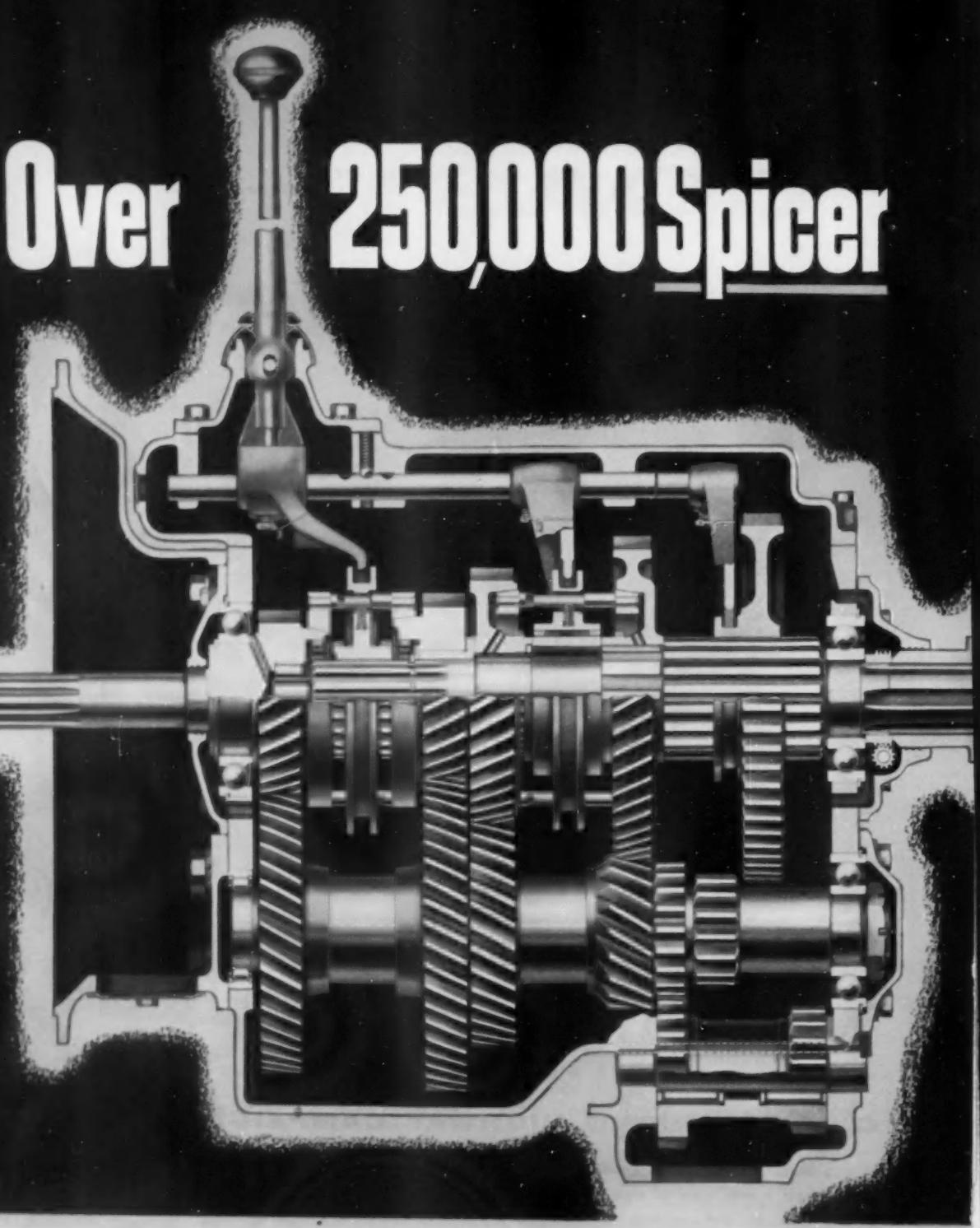
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The final paper presented at the conference was delivered by John L. Goldthwaite, critical materials engineer, Allison Div., GMC. He stated that the most important use of titanium for jet engines is in the compressor sections. Giving a theoretical example of the weight saving, he observed that a 720 lb steel rotor for a jet engine compressor section could be replaced with a titanium rotor section which would weigh only 415 lb. Titanium, of course, takes a median

temperature range of about 800 F maximum. Aluminum and magnesium are suitable for temperatures up

to about 400 F. Steel is generally used in the high temperature range of 1000 F.

AUTOMATION IS THEME at SAE Production Meeting

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Quality Control

A new concept was advanced, in the quality control forum, of marking

engineering drawings with symbols for the degree of inspection and the importance of various parts. It was stated that there is a demand for, and a trend to, inspection by machine—before, during, and after machining processes. The whole object is, don't control production, control the process!

According to personnel representing the selection of materials panel, there is a trend from alloy steels to carbon steels in order to cut cost. This trend has been made possible due to better heat treating methods. It also enables a manufacturer to cut down on the number of different steels usually purchased.

The major fact brought out during the session on the control of manufacturing cost was on estimating cost when placing an item in production. It was felt as though a great deal of historical data should be available for this purpose and trained accountants should work on the program.

It was suggested during the panel on engineering and manufacturing coordination, that representatives from production, planning, and engineering should go over new designs before they are placed in production. Members agreed that the shop should be well acquainted with the part it is to produce during the early design stages. Tolerances should be kept to a workable standard and a constant check should be kept with the shop on whether or not close tolerances can be economically produced.

Abstracts of two papers presented at the Production Meeting follow:

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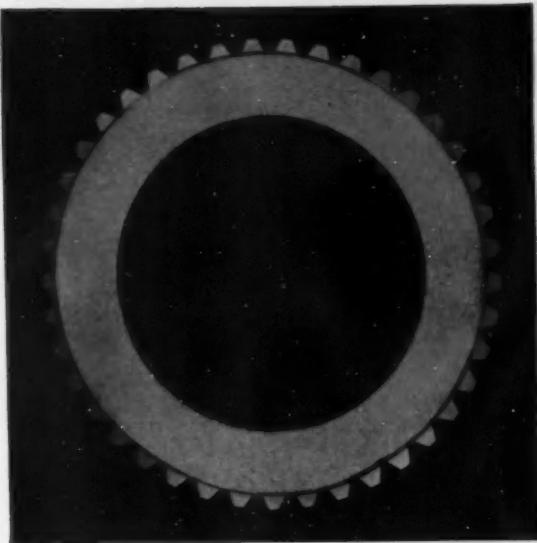
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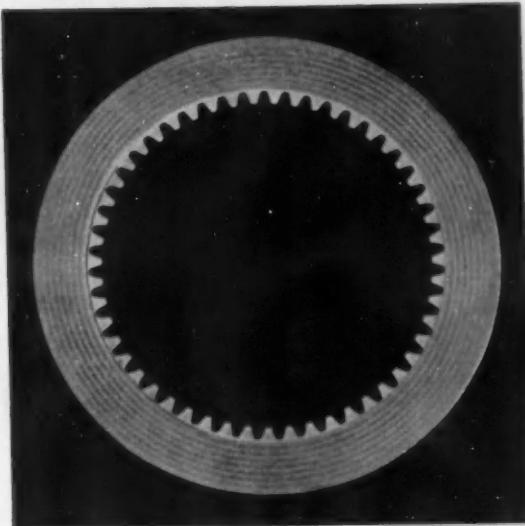
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Design engineers bear the responsibility for initiating this necessary group collaboration. They have the knowledge not only of what they are presently designing, but to a great extent, certain probable future design changes—therefore, the primary responsibility for initiating this urgently needed collaboration program rests squarely on the design engineers. But if the design engineers shirk this responsibility that is pre-eminently theirs, then some other group—and perhaps it would be the production engineers—will have to do their job for them.

The master mechanic engineer, and the machine design engineer need not necessarily wait for the product design engineer to initiate the needed group collaboration program. There are certain basic production propositions that the master mechanic and equipment design engineers can and should follow in the interim.

Based on industry's accumulated experience in achieving its present level of technological progress, these economic and production propositions must be kept constantly in mind:

1. Any new process or equipment, call it what you will, should provide maximum protection against what has been termed the minimum hazard principle in production. Therefore, operation sequences shall be combined and set up in a matched and balanced manner so that the least hazard of machine interferences will result.

2. Such installations should provide for extension of the "module" idea to its greatest economic effectiveness. So, the sequence of operations should be set up to provide maximum utilization of basic standardized units of machinery and tooling.

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6. Provision for production not only of current and anticipated future design but also ample clearance for other tooling to accommodate interchangeability and past model service requirements.

It is no longer sufficient that product drawings portray only the current design change. It is essential that the master mechanic engineer

have, in addition to the current design drawing, what is of equal or greater importance, namely, drawings which show in phantom outline the anticipated or probable future design expectations. Only with this phantom or similar technique will it be possible for the master mechanic engineer to convey to the facility design engineer, the flexibility that must necessarily be provided in the proposed facility. Only then can management have a reasonable degree of confidence in assuming that the capital risk involved in the acquisition of new facilities has

substantial justification. Only then can management be assured that next year (or maybe next month), a necessary or desirable design change can be incorporated in the product without incurring heavy financial penalty. This responsibility definitely lies with the product design group—they can no longer shirk the heavy penalty for their failure in this important obligation to their managements. Therefore, let me say again in the plainest language, unless the product design group follows these basic principles which provide this vitally needed guidance to management, they are derelict in their duty.

It is of prime importance that adequate provision be made for close collaboration between the design engineer, the market research engineer, the sales research engineer, the production engineer, the accountants and others in the firm who in the past may not have been consulted to the extent that is now necessary. It is obviously necessary that the master mechanic engineer have knowledge not only of the current product change, but of equal and often of more importance, he must have knowledge of the anticipated product change before proceeding on his facility design and procurement program. The design engineer must also have the benefit of the counsel or recommendations of the research engineer, the sales engineer and members of management responsible for the major decisions involved in the development and acquisition of new equipment. These basic requirements now demand constant and intimate collaboration between the product design engineer and the sales research group in order to form the foundation for any economically safe and intelligent approach to future technological progress.

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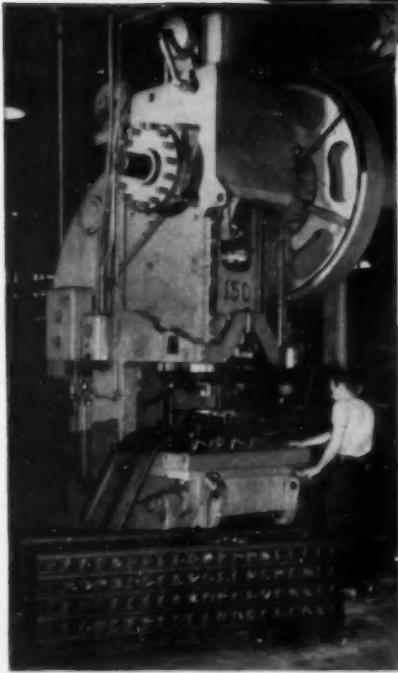
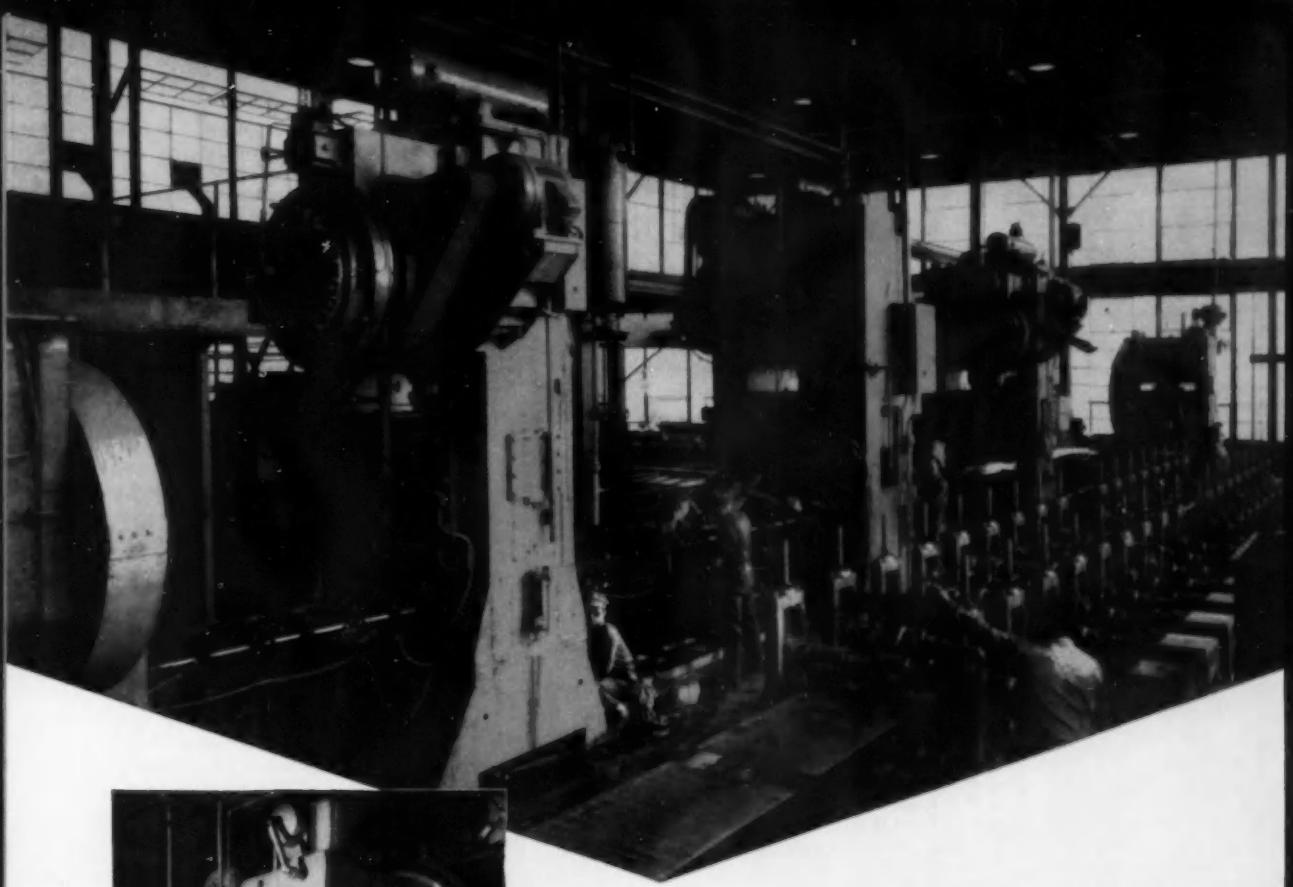
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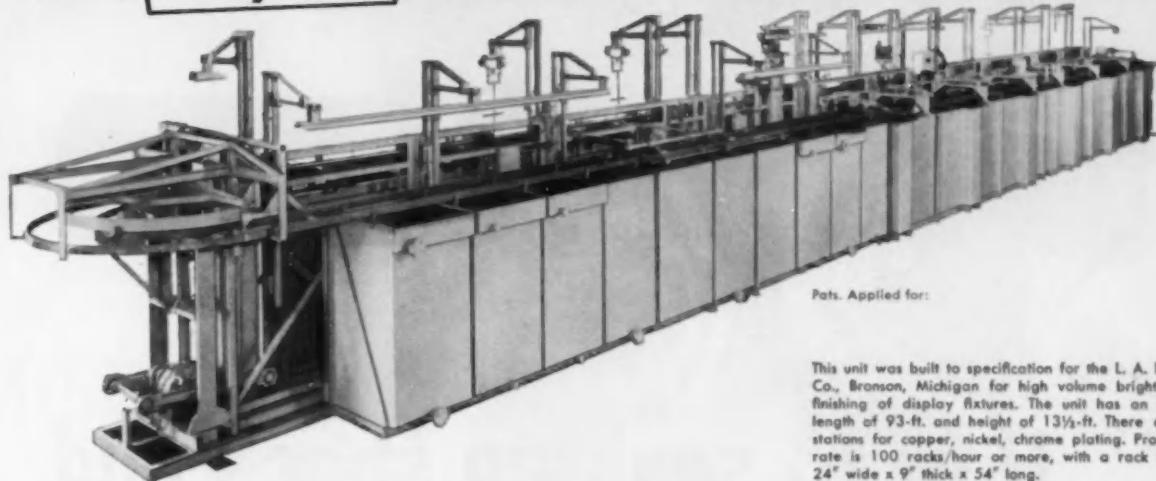
In view of the necessity of releasing new designs considerably ahead of production deadlines and the obviously desirable goal of releasing designs which are correct in all respects and require no changing or deviation during the life of the model, it would appear that the following basic operating principle for product engineering drawings would be desirable:

"Allow manufacturing all possible freedom in selecting materials and processes consistent with production of parts satisfying end product requirements."

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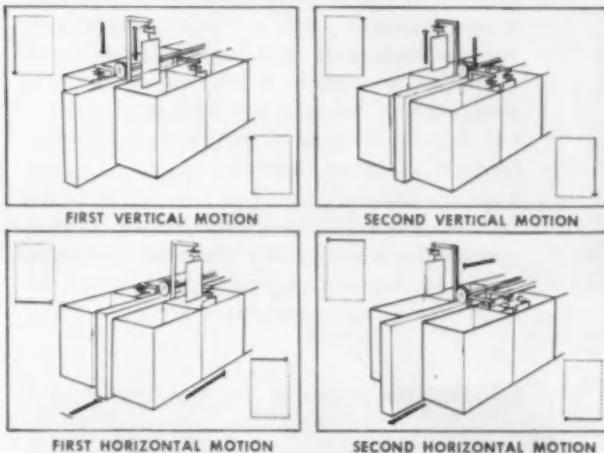
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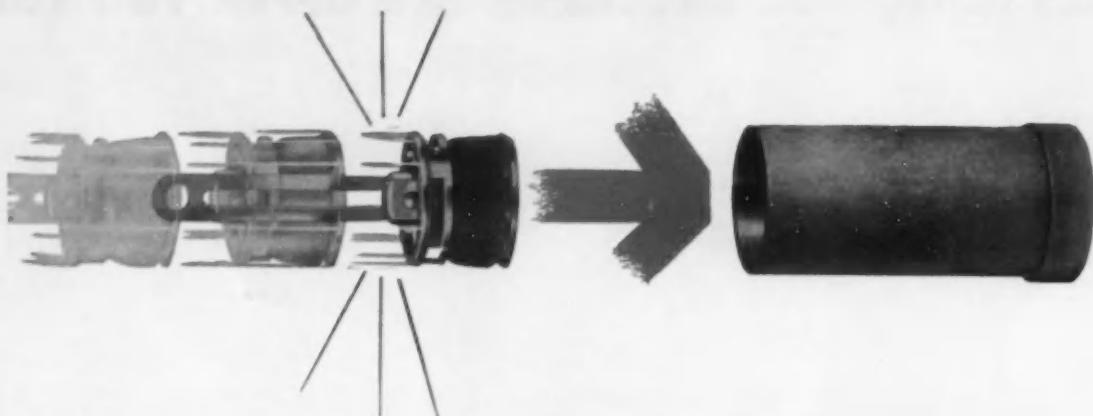
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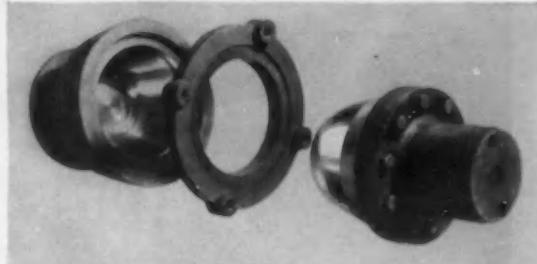
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housing tolerances must equal those of the bearings. It is also very important that bearing fit, squareness of shoulders and the alignment of the housing bores be extremely accurate. To provide adequate operating life, a lubrication system must be provided such as the air-oil-mist method. The panel members also suggested that the bearings be axially preloaded.

There was a great deal of discus-

sion on the advantages and disadvantages of ball bearings with lighter ring section and a greater number of balls. The advantages pointed out were: large spindle size, smaller and more closely spaced balls, narrower width, and the possible utilization of hollow spindles. On the other side of the ledger it was stated that bearing rings would be hard to produce, would be quite expensive, and would

probably have a low capacity and fatigue life. Such bearings would also be more sensitive to spindle and housing irregularities.

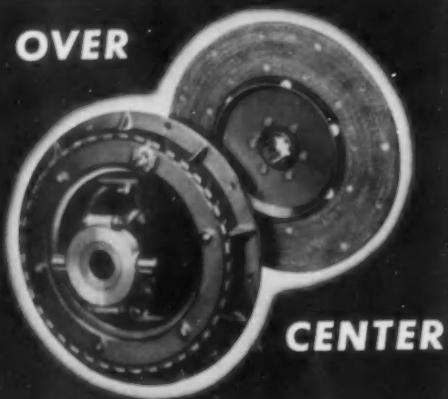
The second panel discussion dealt with shaft and housing fits. One of the first questions discussed dealt with utilizing the same mounting fits for housings of different materials. It was suggested that with light loading and smooth housing bores, bearings may sometimes be used directly in soft metal with good results, but tighter than book fits are recommended. Generally, when this is not possible due to temperature range, steel liners are required. One panel member recommended that sleeves should be avoided.

In respect to refining housing bores, it was stated that three processes have been used with considerable success. These are borizing, using a single point carbide tool; bearingizing, which is a peening tool operation; and ballizing, which is a ball broaching operation.

Preloading and its effect on bearing performance was the topic of the third panel session. The advantages of preloaded bearing sets are that radial and axial play can be removed and the spindle can be located more accurately. Also, the preloaded unit will transmit less vibration. On the other hand, there are three disadvantages. A preload set involves a complicated mounting, possible heat generation, and perhaps shorter bearing life. Of course, the latter two conditions prevail primarily if the preload is excessive. In duplex bearings, different contact angles are utilized to obtain maximum operating thrust from the set both axially and radially. It was stated that bearings should be preloaded sufficiently to provide the required radial and axial rigidity. The pros and cons of using preloaded springs versus manual adjustment was discussed at some length. The two basic advantages of manual adjustment are that the preload can be changed with the spindle in place and only a minimum number of parts are necessary. There are four disadvantages of manual preloading. It is difficult to determine zero preload setting; the preloading nut must be positioned accurately; there are too many variables for the determination of the amount of preload by measuring slow turning torque; and a great deal of skill is required by the individual setting the preload. The pros on the spring preloading dealt with accuracy of preload and the wide range of operating speeds and loads possible. Also, with springs, preload

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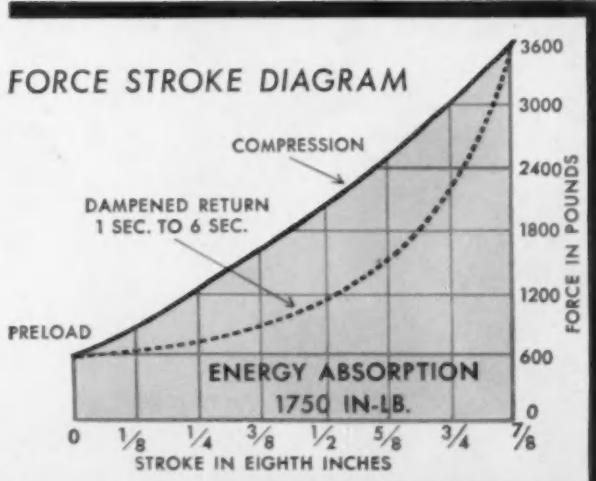
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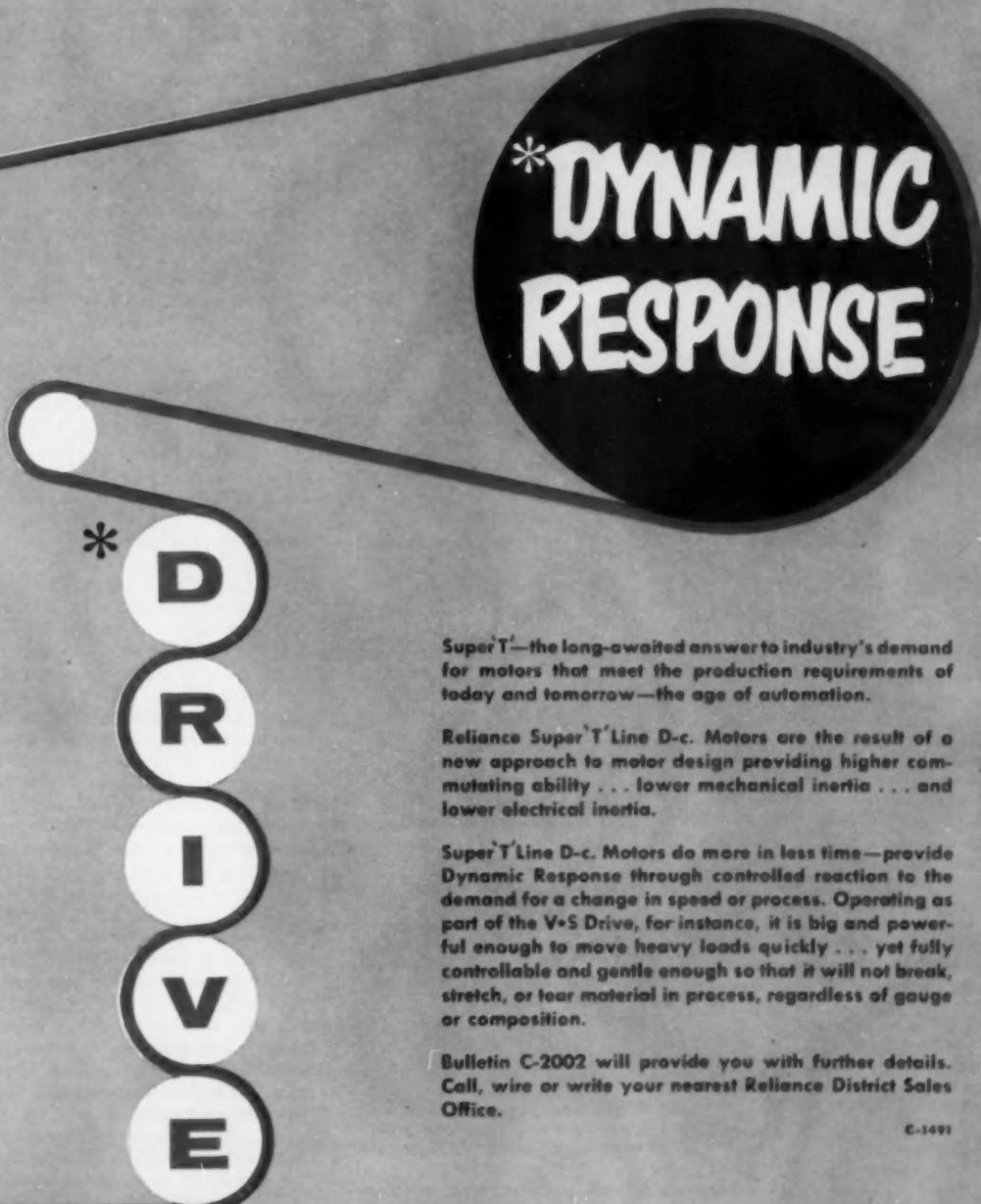


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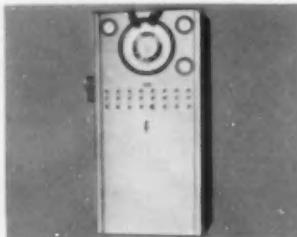
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Machine Tool Ball Bearings

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can be readily altered by changing the spring specifications and the assembly procedure need not be as exact as with the manual adjustment. Of course, spring preloading is not as positive as manual when reversal of thrust might occur and the design requires a greater number of parts than the manual preload setup.

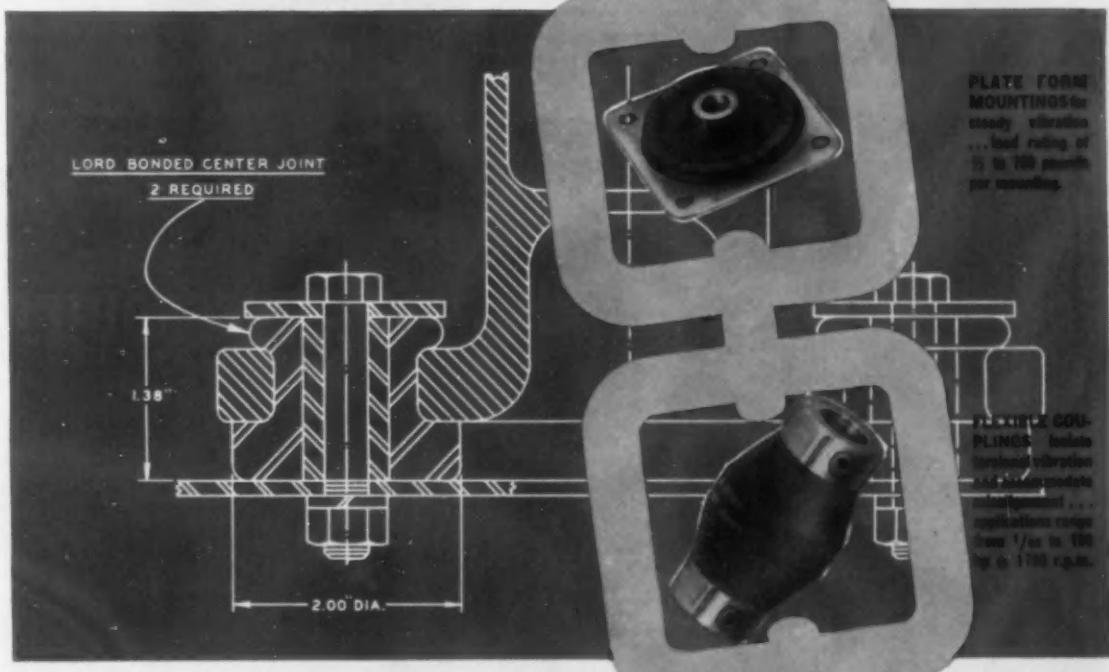
The fourth panel at the machine tool ball bearing conference had as a subject, "Bearing Lubricants and Their Choice." The first question discussed was the limiting speed of pre-sealed bearings. With this problem, there are two factors which will determine the speed. The first is the limiting speed of the separator and then the limiting speed of the seal. The table gives the limiting speed of grease lubricated ball bearings for three types of separators.

It was stated that the best means to lubricate ball bearings is with an air-oil mist. The major factor is that clean compressed air must be used so that no foreign matter can enter the bearing. At times, these systems have been used under pressures which are extremely high and an oil fog would escape from the machine. These high pressures are not necessary as the generally recommended pressure is from six to 10 psi. Some applications, however, are run as high as 16 psi without fog. One of the advantages of this system is that the mist can be carried some distance without condensing in the lines so that one lubricator can serve a number of positions on one machine. This type of system also cuts down fluid friction, thereby letting the bearings run cooler.

The fifth panel of the two-day meeting concerned itself with the design, limitations and performance of bearing closures. New Departure personnel discussed the new Z-type bearing seal which is composed of a flexible material with metal supporting inserts. The seal can be easily removed and replaced without loss in seal efficiency. The seal will resist axial applied loads of over eight to 10 lb. The seal provides more uniform torque values and higher limiting speeds at lower self-induced operating temperatures. It is currently being made of Buna-N or Hycar depending on temperature requirements. The company is currently working on a seal of this type construction which will withstand temperatures of ap-

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proximately 500 F. It is also engaged in research on bearing lubricants prior to obtaining the goal of integral seal bearings, able to operate at 500 F. When such lubricants are available, bearings with the Z-type seal capable of high speed and heavy overload with temperature range of -100 to 500 F will be available.

It was brought out that the sealing efficiency and operating temperatures of shaft rubbing seals are almost in direct proportion to the condition of the shaft surface contacting the seal-

ing member. A finish of five micro in. for high speeds and never greater than 20 micro in. at lower speeds is recommended. A hardness of 30 to 40 Rc is desirable. A soft shaft having tool marks must never be used.

In connection with the sixth and final panel, which dealt with spindle bearing life, the conference's attention was called to the research program being carried out by New Departure to develop smaller gas turbine bearings capable of being grease lubricated and running at speeds of 100,000 rpm or higher. In order to

reach this goal, greases will have to be developed to withstand the temperature range of operation. When and if this project is brought to a successful end, it will be possible to have increased use of grease lubrication in high speed spindles.

Answering the question of noise reduction and vibration at high speeds on ball bearings, it was stated that appreciable reductions have been obtained by utilizing balls made to closer tolerances and providing improved race finishes.

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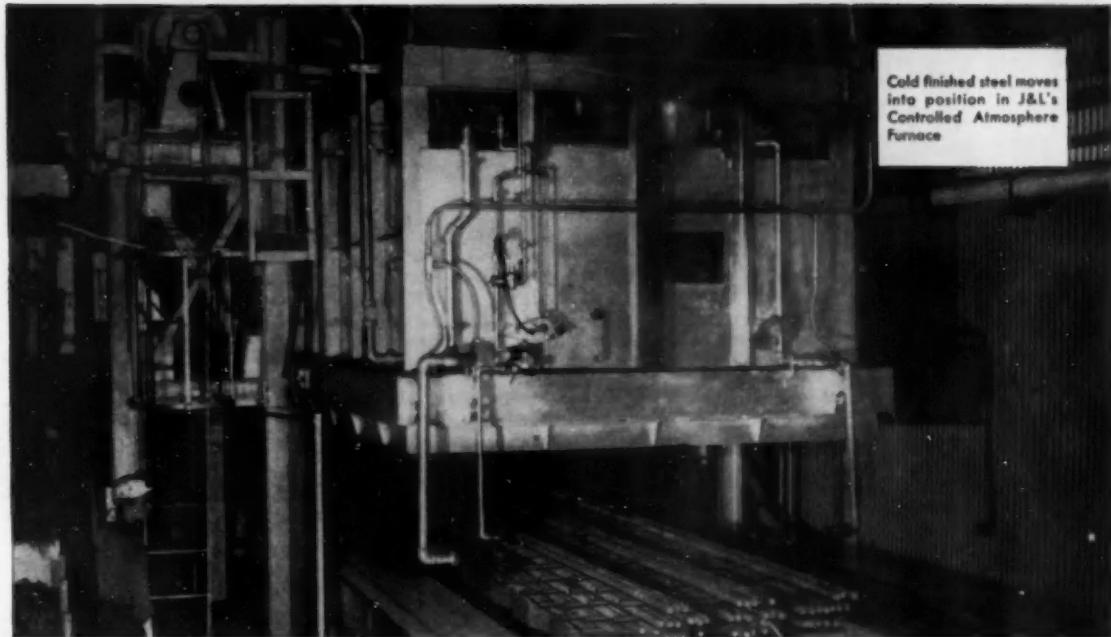


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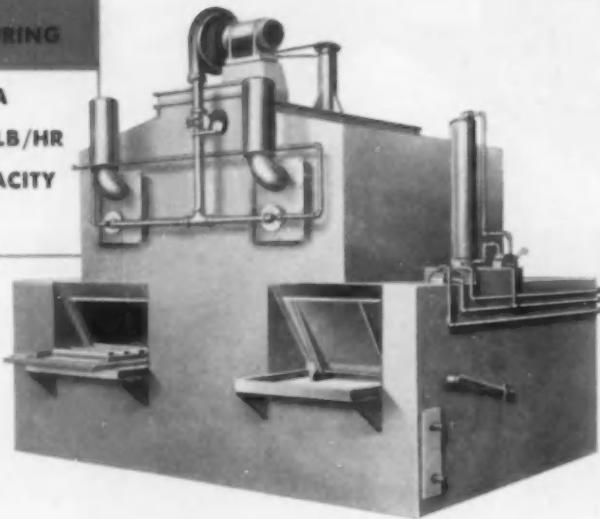
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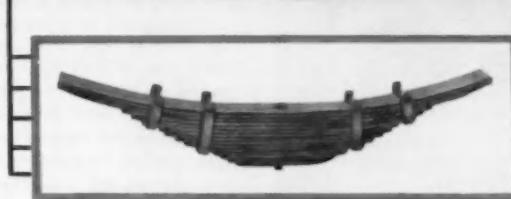
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The bulk of all machine tools at VW are German, although the 150

American machines in use are the next largest group. The component machining section has 120 four- and six-spindle automatics and 150 single-spindles.

There are two closed-circuit engine assembly lines. The larger has 24 stations on the outside, staggered with 24 on the inside, to form two

complete lines. Engines are clamped in rotary turnover fixtures. Conveyor speed is 3 fpm, and output is 53 engines per hr. The smaller circular line, on the same pattern but with fewer stations and slower travel, has an hourly output of 44 engines.

Transfer presses, all of German make, are widely used. One seven-station Schuler machine forms crankcase drain plugs ready for threading at the rate of 1200 per hr. Coiled stock of 0.07 in. is straightened, blanked, and the scrap automatically cropped to short lengths. Welding nuts of several sizes for body assembly are drawn on seven-station Hiltmann & Lorenz "HiLo" presses, again with continuous feed.

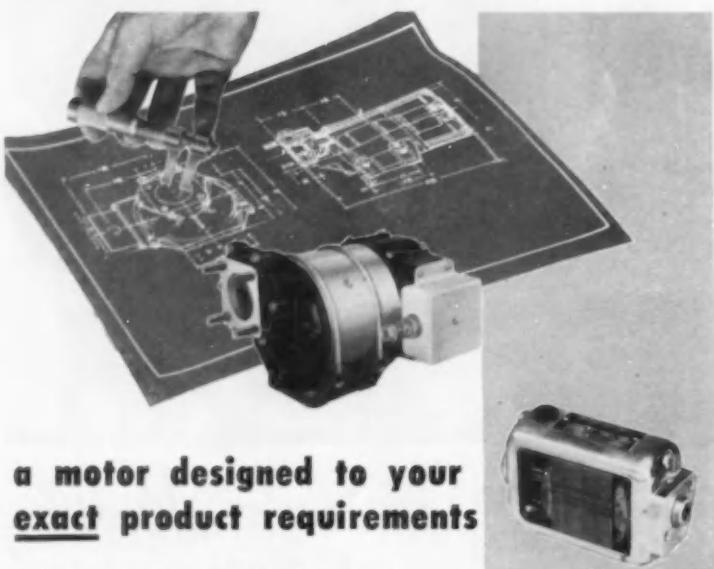
Another machine by the same maker forms hub caps in eight stages. Round blanks are manually loaded to the first gripping jaws of the reciprocating rails. Operations include drawing; trimming, with scrap segmentation and disposal; flange forming; embossing the VW emblem; inward flange turning; and flange rolling. Cycle time, which is infinitely variable by pushbutton control, is normally set at 10 pieces a minute to produce 4000 hub caps in one shift. Latest transfer press is an eight-station Weingarten machine for making the ball joint covers for attaching the articulated half-axles to the differential housing.

Automation between heavy presses for fenders has been anticipated in the layout of four new 500-ton Weingarten machines which have just been installed. These double-sided units are located in line with two existing presses to facilitate eventual straight-through transfer of work.

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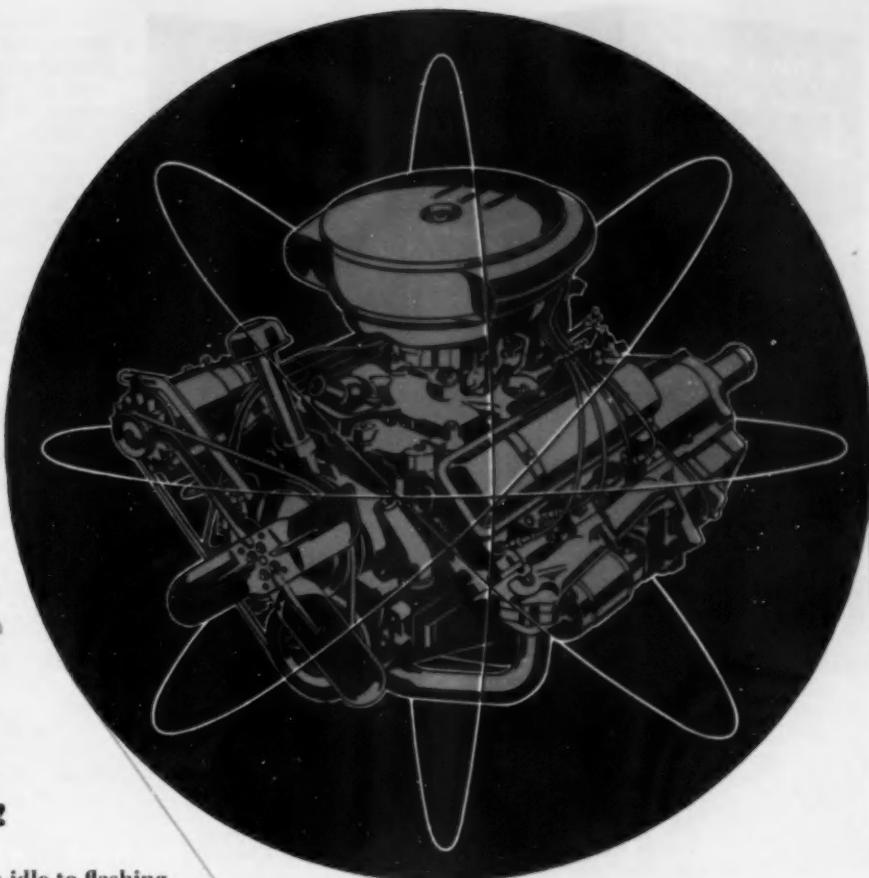
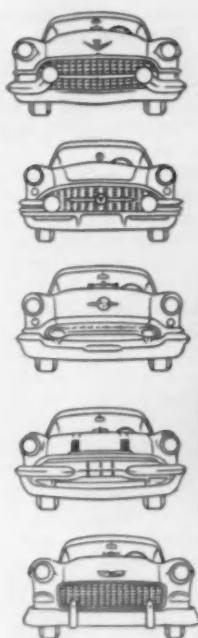


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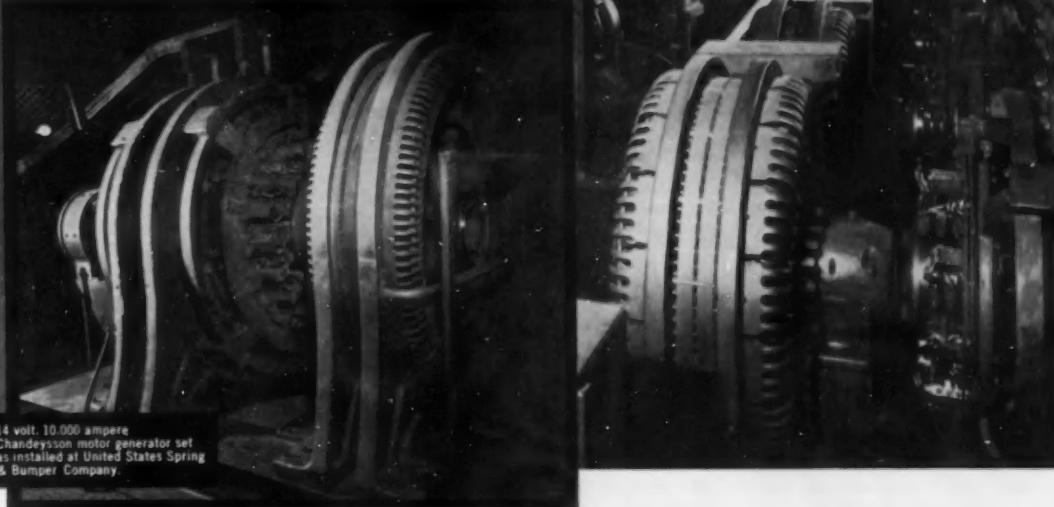
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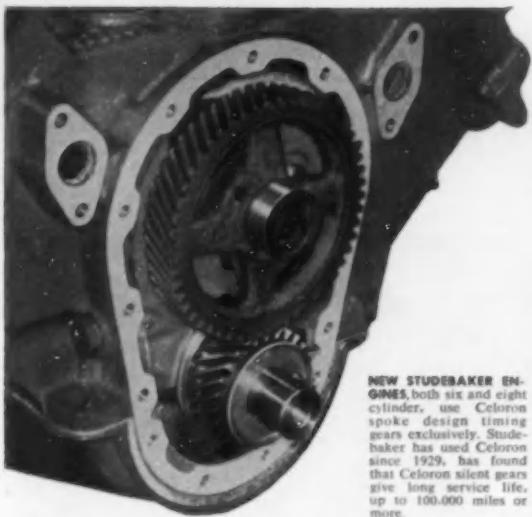
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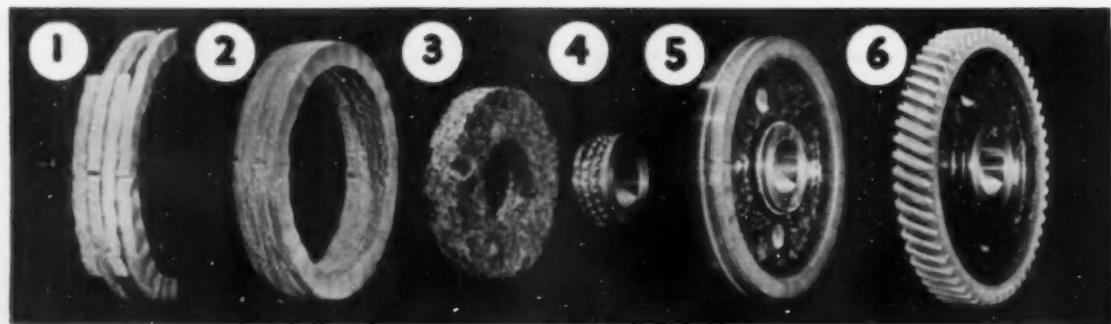
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The basic requirements for automotive timing gears are smooth transmission of power, quietness and reasonable service life. Depending on the installation these requirements will have varying degrees of importance which can be controlled to a large extent by the selection of the material, design, and quality of workmanship.

Material and design are closely related, but only too frequently changes in the powerplant have been made without corresponding changes in design and material. For this reason, a brief review is given of the design advantages of Celoron, a cotton fabric-based gear material, and of Celoron laminated rim timing gears.

WHAT IS CELORON?

It is the trademarked name of over 30 years standing for a laminated or macerated molded industrial plastic made only by C-D-F for a wide range of gear and mechanical and electrical insulation needs. It designates one of the best, if not the best, high impact molded fabric phenolics for mechanical applications. For timing gears, a phenolic type resin bonds the laminated and macerated cotton fabric into a blank that has the required mechanical strengths. Over the years, we have learned the importance of selecting cotton fabric with the proper weave and weight. Consequently, the design engineer has been given a gear with greater strength, less and more uniform tooth wear, quieter operation.



HERE IS HOW a Celoron gear gets its higher tooth strength, more flexibility, greater impact resistance: 1. A special grade of tough cotton is coated with phenolic varnish, then cut into strips and punched into segments. 2. These segments are staggered and piled up into the outer rim which will become the gear teeth. 3. The web or inner ring is made of macerated cloth

engineering design

CELORON®

TYPES OF GEARS MADE FROM CELORON

For original equipment, the laminated rim construction has become standard with two types of construction between the rim and the hub. The gears can be light, medium or heavy duty types. The weight of the fabric used for the gear rim is controlled by the DP of the gear. The WEB gear offers a quality gear with the least possible finishing. The SPOKE gear incorporates many fundamental principles of design long used for quieter operation and longer life. The spokes absorb most of the critical vibrations, have greater resilience and flexibility. However costs are slightly higher.

COMPARATIVE AVERAGE PROPERTIES

	Laminated (rim)	Macerated (web or spoke)
Tensile Strength, psi	10,000	6,500
Flexural Strength, psi	20,000	10,000
Compressive Strength, psi	38,000	25,000
Shearing Strength, psi	12,000	8,500
Izod Impact Strength, flatwise (Notched in ft. lbs. per 1" of notch)	4.0	2.3

UNIFORM TOOTH STRENGTH

The segments forming the gear rim are punched in such a way that the stronger direction of the fabric is used to form the flank of the gear tooth. This results in a stronger, uniform gear.

WEB FLEXIBILITY

To mold a non-uniform cross section web, laminated construction cannot be used. The treated canvas is macerated to permit shape molding. An important factor of web strength is the size of the particles used. Too large or too small particles will reduce the strength and influence the moldability of the gear. It is necessary to control the weight of each cake of macerated material, assuring a better quality gear.

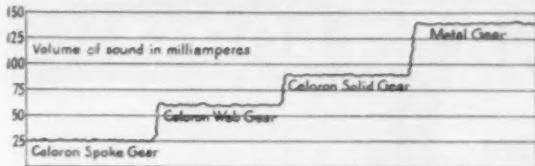
The molding of the gear web permits the designer to introduce various degrees of flexibility to the gear. In some helical gear installations the service life of the gear can be directly related to flexibility. This is a problem which can be best solved by experience, knowledge of the material and complete knowledge of requirements of the installation. Unfortunately, all these factors are very seldom at the command of the gear designer.

—gives the gear its side flexibility. 4. The metal bushing is inserted and the make-up is put in to the mold. 5. The resin softens, the coated fabric flows and fills the mold. On hardening, a strong Celoron gear blank is produced. 6. Teeth are then cut in the laminated rim. Tests show they have higher impact strength and more resistance to wear!

advantages of C-D-F LAMINATED RIM TIMING GEARS

SOUND HARMONICS OF CELORON

There is no mechanical motion without friction. Friction develops vibrations which are in turn transmitted to the air, thereby producing noise. As all sound is characterized by waves of definite frequency and amplitude, these characteristics of frequency and amplitude enter into a consideration of gear noise. Frequency of a gear noise is determined by the number of tooth contacts per second.



Amplitude of a gear noise is the result of a number of factors, such as the material and shape of the gear and gear housing. Celoron has a natural low tone frequency and design changes in the structure of the web further reduces the tendency of noise pickup. With a spoke design, it is possible to break up the continuous line of sound between the hub and rim, practically eliminating the pickup and amplification of sound.

HORSEPOWER RATING OF CELORON

Because Celoron is a non-metallic material, when calculating the horsepower rating of Celoron timing gears, use this modification in the velocity factor of the Lewis Formula.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Velocity factor} &= \frac{150}{200+v} + .25 \\ \text{SWS} &= 6000 \times \frac{150}{200+v} + .25 \\ \text{HP} &= \frac{0.000095 \times \text{SWS} \times \text{FW} \times \text{Y} \times \text{PLV}}{\text{DP}} \end{aligned}$$

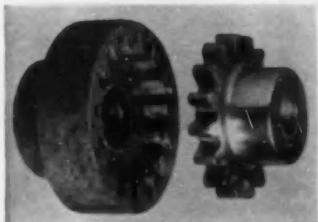
This formula, adopted by the American Gear Manufacturers Association, takes into consideration the characteristics of Celoron. Results obtained in service have supported its use.

POSITIVE KEYING

Celoron which basically belongs to the plastic family has one of the disadvantages of plastics which is a limited amount of compressibility or plastic flow when subjected to a continuous load such as exists at the keyways. To overcome this characteristic and to distribute the loads at the keyway, a steel bushing is molded in the Celoron gears for the bore and the keyway. The steel bushing is anchored to the Celoron in the molding operation, with staggered interrupted splines instead of the customary diamond knurls. This method is a C-D-F development.

GEARS VERSUS CHAINS

It would be presumptuous of me to set down all the pros and cons of this engineering tug-of-war. C-D-F naturally believes in gear timing and has worked to apply Celoron to its fullest use.



CELORON FLEXIBLE COUPLINGS are designed for horizontal as well as vertical drives. The female end of the sprocket type coupling is molded of saturated Celoron which transmits power smoothly and quietly. Write for folder CS-53 with design-ordering information.

Here are a few random quotes, not from plastics engineers, but from automotive design engineers:

"Our experience indicates that timing gears are extremely satisfactory. Probably one of the problems in satisfactory timing gear life is associated with crankshaft stiffness and the fact that the V-8 engine has a relatively short rigid shaft makes a timing gear ideal for this type of engine."

ANOTHER INTERESTING ONE: "From a cost standpoint the gear drive is less expensive than the timing chain drive."

AND ANOTHER: "Even the shortest camshaft drive chains consist of approximately 450 parts. Each of these parts is subject to wear. It is evident that even the slightest trace of wear on each individual part will add up to quite an imposing total for the entire chain. A gear drive for a camshaft has only two parts to wear. Even then the wear is distributed over the entire tooth width instead of being localized."



C-D-F laminated rim Celoron web gears with metal gear.

SUMMARY ON CELORON

The foregoing are a few of the points which make Celoron a desirable material for automotive timing gear applications. There are many more from a cost and customer service standpoint. The material is being continually improved and in its 30 years of existence the only thing remaining of the original material is the name of Celoron. New resins, new fabrics, new methods of molding have made Celoron stronger and lower priced. Semi-automatic molding operations provide open capacity for supplying Celoron. Plant capacity has been steadily increased each year since 1946.

However, all the good inherent properties of Celoron can be destroyed by faulty design. It is always a good policy to discuss the design problems with the manufacturer of the material. Write for test data and samples. C-D-F wants to help you, is a big reliable source of supply!



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leg of the tunnel is mounted on a dolly for wet sanding. It is then attached broadside to the overhead conveyor where it starts to double back on the return circuit. After hot drying and compressed air cleaning by hand, the body is lowered into the first water-wash spray booth. Here one handspray man puts the first coat on the right side only, and the body is raised and dropped into the next booth where the left side is sprayed.

The sequence for the second coat is drying, air cleaning, dry sanding, and right- and left-side spraying with two men in each booth. Finish drying is at 130 deg C for 45 min.

According to Volkswagen's plans, the entire paint section, together with the three final assembly lines, is soon to be moved to a new building of nearly one million sq ft which has just been completed. Meanwhile, construction of a new body and assembly plant for the Microbus has started in a suburb of Hannover, where there is no shortage of labor. Space thus cleared at the main Wolfs-

burg factory will be devoted to further rationalizing and increasing production of the car. Output is scheduled to exceed 300,000 units this year, and the export drive will be correspondingly stepped up. The American market is one of the principal targets, and sales there in 1955 are expected to top 20,000—more than twice those of last year. The dollars earned will, it is hoped, make it possible for VW to buy more American machinery.

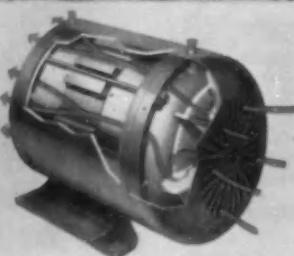
A second article will describe the production of round and laminated torsion bars by Volkswagen.

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THE 20TH CENTURY CAPITALIST REVOLUTION, by Adolf A. Berle, Jr., published by Harcourt, Brace & Co., 383 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y. Price, \$5.00. In this analysis of capitalism in the present day, the author focuses attention on the corporation. Treating it primarily not as a business device, but as a social and political institution, he shows that it is capable of becoming one of the master tools of society or, mishandled, of becoming a destructive monster. Today it—and we—are at a crossroad of history. Out of this study of the corporation in principle and in operation emerges a bold, new working hypothesis in political theory. This book, it may be argued, represents the first complete overhauling of our concepts of capitalism since the pioneer work of Adam Smith and David Ricardo. In it lies a clear and conclusive refutation of Marxist philosophy.

HEAT TREATMENT OF GRAY IRON, by C. O. Burgess, published by Gray Iron Founders' Society, Inc., 950 National City, East Sixth Bldg., Cleveland 14, O. Price, \$5.00. This new 123-page manual is an authoritative discussion on the heat treatment of gray iron. Written in non-technical language, it includes sections on stress relieving, annealing, induction hardening, flame hardening, full hardening, tempering, and other heat-treating procedures. It contains a full description of all known heat-treating procedures for the engineer and the practical operator. Effectively illustrated and including numerous commercial and practical examples, it should be most valuable in suggesting improvements in production, quality and economy.

NICKEL IN IRON AND STEEL, by A. M. Hall, published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 440 Fourth Ave., New York 16, N. Y. Price, \$10.00. This book reviews and correlates all of the important published data on nickel as an alloying element in steel and cast iron; nearly 800 papers were reviewed for this manuscript. The introduction is concerned with the occurrence and refining of nickel ores. The rest of the book contains material on such important topics as: the physical properties of steels containing nickel; the structure and heat treatment of wrought and cast nickel steels; and the effect of nickel on various engineering properties. Corrosion and the welding of nickel steels are discussed in detail. The effect of nickel on the constitution of cast iron, its tensile strength, and its hardness are a few of the other important subjects treated in the volume.

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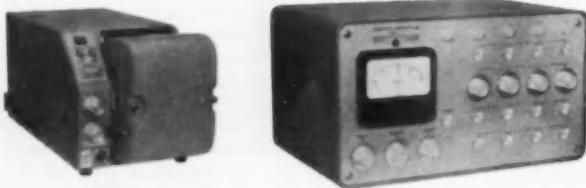
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- Fibre Box Association, spring meeting, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill. April 19-20
- International Motor Show, Turin, Italy April 20-May 1
- Society for Experimental Stress Analysis, spring meeting, Hotel Statler, Los Angeles, Calif. April 27-29
- American Zinc Institute, annual meeting, Drake Hotel, Chicago, Ill. April 28-29
- German Industries Fair, Hanover, West Germany April 24-May 3
- Society of Aeronautical Weight Engineers, annual conference, Hilton Hotel, Ft. Worth, Tex. May 2-5
- British Industries Fair, London and Birmingham, England May 2-12
- First International Aircraft Mart Exposition, Will Rogers Memorial Coliseum, Ft. Worth, Tex. May 3-5
- Fourth International Aviation Trade Show, 69th Regiment Armory, New York, N. Y. May 4-6
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- Industrial Waste Conference, Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind. May 9-11
- Metal Powder Association, annual meeting and show, Philadelphia, Pa. May 10-12
- Sixth National Materials Handling Exposition, International Amphitheater, Chicago, Ill. May 16-20
- Fabricating Machinery Hydraulic Conference, Hotel Statler, Detroit, Mich. May 17-18
- National Telemetering Conference, Hotel Morrison, Chicago, Ill. May 18-20
- American Society for Quality Control, ninth annual convention, Hotels Statler and New Yorker, New York, N. Y. May 23-25
- International Internal Combustion Engine Congress, The Hague, Netherlands May 23-28
- Indianapolis Race, Indianapolis, Ind. May 30
- Canadian International Trade Fair, Toronto, Ont. May 30-June 10
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- Paris Aeronautical Show, France. June 10-19
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- ASME Semi-Annual Meeting, Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass. June 20-23
- ASTM Annual Meeting, Chalfonte-Haddon Hall, Atlantic City, N. J. June 26-July 1
- SAE Golden Anniversary West Coast Meeting, Hotel Multnomah, Portland, Ore. Aug. 15-17
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Sterling Precision Instrument is said to be planning to acquire control of American-La France Foamite Corp. . . . The Shovel Co. is reportedly seeking to buy the inventory and plant of Byers Machine Co.

Curtiss-Wright Corp. was recently disclosed to be the holder of an Air Force contract for design studies pertaining to the application of atomic power to aircraft propulsion.

Dreis & Krump Mfg. Co. has completed a new 40,000 sq ft building for assembly of smaller models of press brakes and presses of 11 to 150-ton capacities.

F. J. Stokes Machine Co. has opened a new district sales office at 25 East 1st St., Mount Vernon, N. Y. . . . Wall Colmonoy Corp. has opened a new branch plant for its Stainless Processing Div. at Montebello, Calif.

Clearing Machine Corp. has created a department for research into new techniques of pressworking metals. It will also develop equipment for improved metalforming efficiency.

Fruehauf Trailer Co. has bought a 5½-acre tract near Portland, Ore., for a new service plant . . .

Aerfer Co. of Italy has put the finishing touches on the Sagittario light fighter with a Derwent jet engine supplied by Rolls-Royce.

Automotive Spring Corp. is increasing its production capacity 50 per cent . . . Aluminum Co. of America is undertaking a \$5 million expansion of aluminum rolling mill equipment at its Davenport, Ia., works.

Globe Industries, Inc., has established a new Commercial Aircraft Products Dept.

Acar Broach Co. has opened a new plant in Roseville, Mich., to fabricate metal dies and molds for shaping plastic parts. . . . Bristol Aeroplane Co. . . . producing a new type of plastic drop-tank for aircraft.

Radioactive-tracer techniques are being used at the dynamometer laboratory of the Univ. of Mich. They are employed to study heavy-duty final drive gear failures.

Strick Co. has a royalty agreement with a new truck-trailer factory operating in Mexico City.

Goodrich-Gulf Chemicals, Inc., has reported the successful reproduction of crude rubber synthetically.

Plans are under way for a proposed merger of Remington Rand, Inc., and Sperry Corp.

Glidden Co. has purchased the assets of Zapon Industrial Finishes Div. of Atlas Powder Co.

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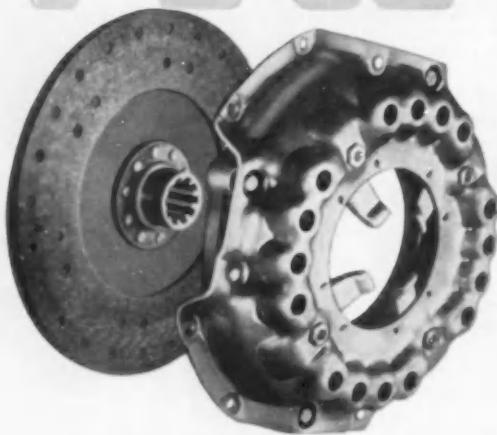
ON OUR WASHINGTON WIRE



Larger orders for machine tools, a longer work-week in manufacturing industries, and indications of heavier plant investment this spring are contributing to a well-

defined business upswing. Demand for machinery in general, and for metal-cutting machine tools in particular, is on the increase. Commerce Dept. discloses.

Stockpile activities of the Government are expected to drop sharply after June 30, 1956, when most of the minimum goals are reached, and procurement for the long-range stockpile will proceed slowly. Office of Defense Mobilization says the Government will spend about \$1.1 billion in the next 17 months for stockpile purchases.



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Operating profits of new car and truck dealers were down to 0.6 pct in 1954. This made last year the worst for profits since 1939, National Automobile Dealers Association states.

Gasoline and oil tax bill paid by U.S. motorists is expected to get higher. At least eight states are thinking of boosting these taxes. In 1953, state and Federal levies amounted to more than \$3 billion. The 1954 increase probably was at least four per cent.

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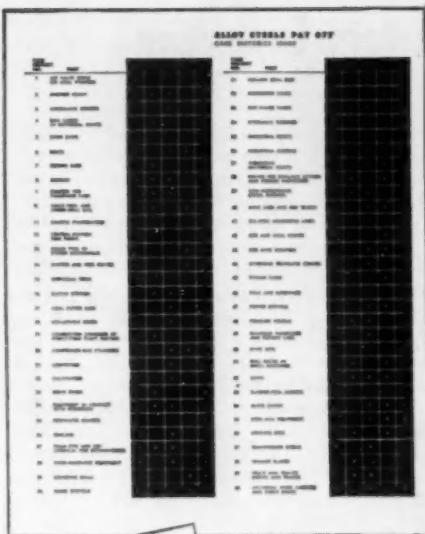
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material. He said stress-strain curves provide the most useful help in selecting tooling material. L. E. Frost, North American Aviation, Inc., showed slides of some recent uses of various types of plastics, such as a stretch die over-lid of phenolic to partially clamp a part after the initial stretch; draw die surfaces of phenolic to handle 75S aluminum, $\frac{1}{4}$ hard stainless steel and pure titani-

um; drop hammer punches of ethyl cellulose; a male stretch die for a complicated corrugated duct section, with an epoxy surface made by a double-duplication process, and a correspondingly matched die for resizing using the stretch die as a punch. A process for making reinforced laminate tooling was outlined by Richard Morozowicz, Douglas Aircraft Co. He listed spotweld fixtures,

Keller patterns, assembly jigs, and applied trim and drill fixtures as important applications. Morozowicz and G. C. Adams, Rezelin, Inc., called for plastic standards to be developed for data on physical properties, procedures, design, operation and storage.

Fixtures of magnesium are coming into wider use, according to R. L. Nelson, Dow Chemical Co. At the first technical session, he showed slides of fixtures for checking automobile chassis frames, window frames and small formed parts. A front grille assembly jig, low production welding fixtures, an aircraft cowling assembling jig, and several others also were shown.

Clamped chip breakers, a separate part clamped on top of the cutting tool, offer economies in expensive materials as well as consistent performance, said E. K. Henriksen, University of Missouri. He presented results of experiments as well as design data for clamped breakers.

Advantages to leasing production equipment include conservation of working capital, avoidance of early obsolescence, and inexpensive tryout of new processes. R. A. Perkins of Kearney & Trecker Corp. said the real savings from leasing are observed in replacing outmoded equipment, rather than in comparing the cost of purchase vs. leasing.

A case history in the use of automatic gaging was presented by W. F. Aller of Sheffield Corp. He covered many of the principles of automation in gaging by the example of a modern ball bearing production line. Effective gear inspection, according to Fred Bohle of Illinois Tool Works, is increasingly complicated but can often permit smaller, more economical gears. Bohle outlined modern automatic gaging practices, pointing out how functional gauges measuring dimensions are the policemen, while analytical checkers are the judges.

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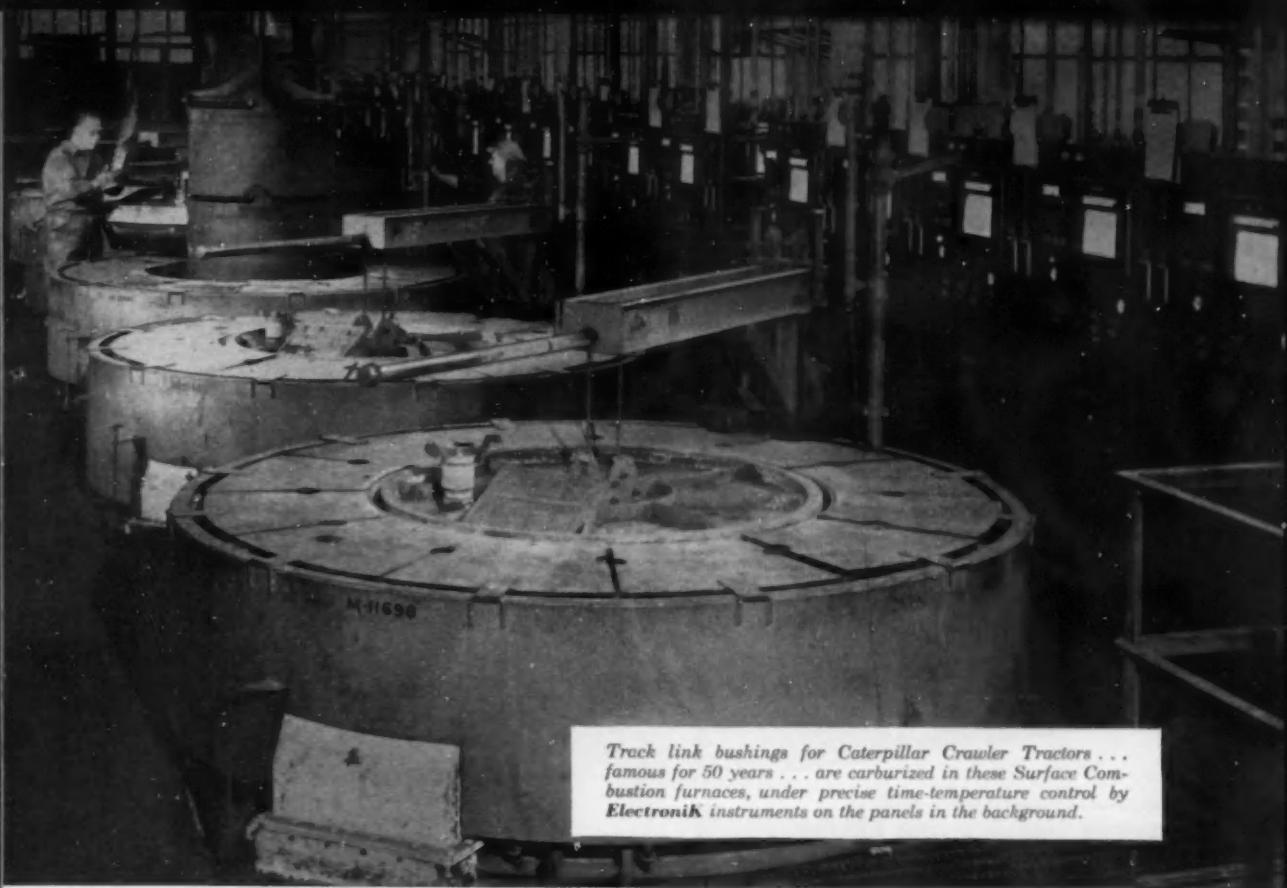


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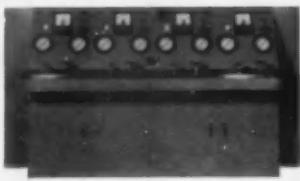
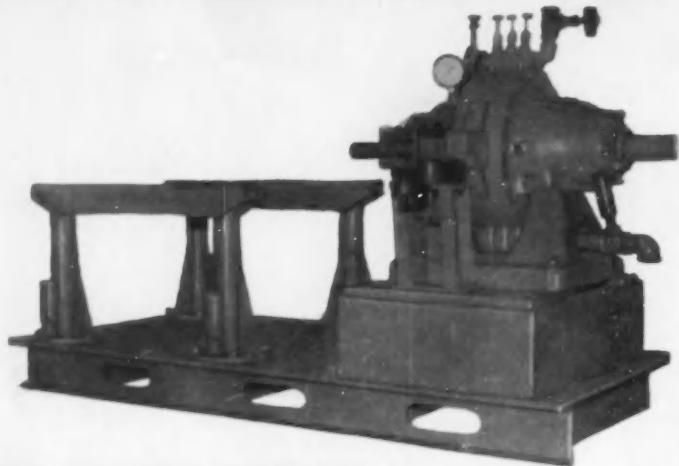


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lar pieces. D. E. Hawkinson of Greenlee Brothers, discussing the selection of machine tools, said that thinking in terms of "standard versus special" is the wrong approach. The problem is to consider production requirements, machine procurement time, length of run, and the nature of the workpiece, he explained.

The process of frozen mercury investment casting was explained by Dr. J. R. Kramer of Mercast Corp. Properties and uses of ceramic parts were outlined by R. F. Rea of Stupakoff Ceramic & Mfg. Div. of Carborundum Co. Mechanical applications of ceramics include gages of several types, in which the cost to make is the same but life is many times greater than for a similar steel gage. Others, some still in the future, are surface plates, bearings, cutting tool tips, rotary shaft seals, extrusion dies, and welding and brazing jigs, Rea explained.

BOOKS...

ASTM STANDARDS ON COPPER AND COPPER ALLOYS, published by American Society for Testing Materials, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia 3, Pa. Price \$5.00. This book brings together in compact, readily usable form all of the ASTM Standards pertaining to copper and copper alloys, which were developed by ASTM Committee B-5 on Copper and Copper Alloys, Cast and Wrought, and related standards from other ASTM committees. This edition includes in their latest form 123 ASTM standards, including 108 specifications; 16 test methods; two classifications: one of coppers, the other of cast copper-base alloys; two recommended practices: one for tension test specimens for copper-base alloys for sand castings, and one for designating significant places in specified limiting values; and one hardness conversion table for cartridge brass. In this special compilation, 59 of the specifications included in the earlier edition have been revised and eight of the standards are new.

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Swiss Show

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Among the examples of special Swiss coachwork, six very smart cars—five Alvis three-litre and one Bentley Continental—were shown by Graber. Features were low overall height, comfortable individual seats, and very slim windshield posts. An outstanding body was presented by Ghia-Aigle, designed by Giovanni Michelotti of Turin, a stylist who is responsible for many Italian and Swiss special bodies. Italian coachwork innovations included some imaginative designs by Pinin Farina and by Ghia and a new Alfa Romeo coupe by Touring. Major developments, however, are kept back until the Turin show, starting on April 20.

Among the commercial vehicles, the Swiss firm of Saurer presented an underfloor engine series fitted with their own mechanical supercharger. For cross-country work and for indifferent road surfaces, a lockable differential can be fitted. The Morris commercial range has been supplemented by new models of 3.5 and 5 tons fitted with three-passenger cabs. For the 3.5 ton model a 58 hp Diesel engine or a 68 hp gasoline power unit, both stemming from the B.M.C. range, are available. A new 5.1 litre 90 hp six cylinder Diesel engine has been developed for the 5 ton trucks.

Most German truck firms now have 4x4 models in their programs, and the latest addition is the Hanomag 1.5 ton Diesel truck. These models usually have duplicated drive units and conventional springing fore and aft. The new Porsche cross country vehicle was shown for the first time.

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Earlier Caution

Predictions made last fall with regard to the performance of specific indicators veered on the side of caution. Steel producers, for example, did not seem to be counting on an average production rate for the fourth quarter of much more than 70 per cent. And as analysts tried to peer ahead into 1955, they could see the likelihood of a mild uptrend in general business, although the tendency was to underscore the possibility of some backsizing in the second half of the year. For 1955 as a whole, it was considered doubtful that the peak 1953 rate in industrial production (137 per cent of the 1947-49 average in May and July) or in gross national product (\$369.9 billion in the second quarter) would be exceeded.

When measured against these anticipations, the actual course of business since last fall appears very satisfactory.

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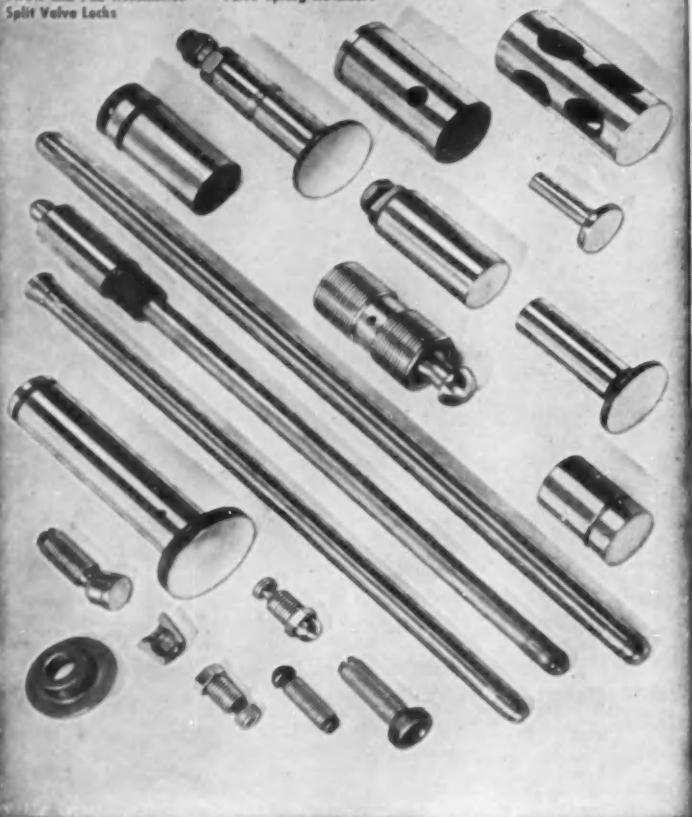
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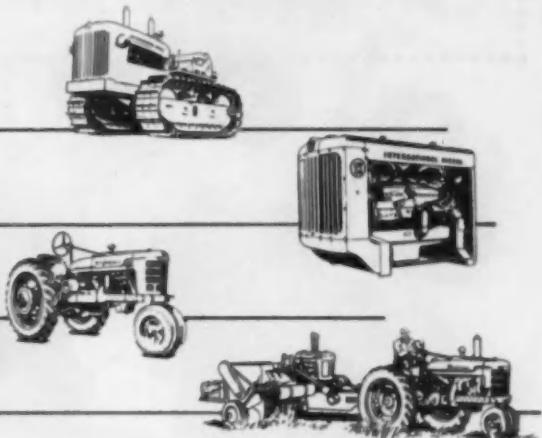
What factors account for this unexpectedly sharp rise in general business? One of the most important certainly is the acceleration in building activity. It was clearly realized last fall that building was characterized by boom conditions, but what was not sufficiently appreciated was that the crest had by no means been reached. Whereas most analysts would probably have considered it a creditable performance if construction activity had merely held its own, what actually happened was that, on a seasonally adjusted basis, total activity rose by nine per cent from October of last year to February of this year.

Another factor in the unexpectedly marked rise of business is the enthusiastic reception of 1955-model automobiles by consumers. Sales have been running at truly astounding levels since last autumn, with the result that production sights have been raised in the interim, whereas earlier the fear had been that by this time the industry position would be weakening. Automobile production is currently aimed at a record-breaking four million units for the first half of the year.

While the automobile experience has been the most important single sales phenomenon of the past six months, non-automotive trade has also given an excellent account of itself. Its contribution to the greater-than-expected rise of general business is of the most fundamental importance. On a seasonally adjusted basis, total retail sales appear recently to have run four to five per cent greater than in the third quarter of 1954, and more than half of this gain is accounted for by sales other than automotive. This favorable sales pattern reflects three things: incomes have risen since last summer, more credit is being used, and the rate of savings has declined.

When the various component parts of the Federal Reserve's index are examined, the thing that becomes immediately apparent is that a broad range of industries, not just a few, have contributed to the business up-trend. And what is particularly encouraging is that some of those which made only a very modest contribution to the upswing between last autumn and the early weeks of 1955 have recently shown evidence of rising momentum. Two prime examples are

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Employment Rise Lags

Perhaps the most disappointing aspect of the revival to date has been the failure of employment to reflect fully the rise in production. Employment in non-agricultural industries has risen to some extent, of course, on a seasonally adjusted basis, and new unemployment (as measured by weekly claims for unemployment insurance benefits) has fallen off substantially. But these gains have not matched the expansion of output, so that whereas industrial production has recently run well above that in the comparable months of 1954, employment is still lagging. This disparity between gains in output and employment appears to be explained by a combination of three factors: employment did not fall as much as did output during the business decline of 1953-54; businessmen have shown a tendency to lengthen the work week in preference to hiring new workers since the upturn began; and technological changes may have temporarily displaced some workers.

Despite this disappointing experience in employment—and it is only disappointing in the light of the surprisingly sharp upturn in business during the past six months, not as compared with last fall's anticipations — business sentiment has unquestionably improved as a consequence of the broadening of the upswing. This improvement in sentiment was greatly helped, moreover, by the recent unveiling of two very favorable sets of foreshadowing statistics.

Favorable Statistics

First, the tenth annual survey of consumer intentions (conducted for the Federal Reserve Board by the University of Michigan) confirmed the many market indications of an increase in consumers' willingness to buy. In January and February, when the survey was conducted, consumers were much more optimistic about general business conditions than a year earlier, and because of this optimism they reported plans to increase their purchases of a wide range of durable goods this year. Plans to purchase new houses were sharply higher than a year earlier. The major disappointment of the survey was the revelation that intentions to purchase new cars are not quite as common this

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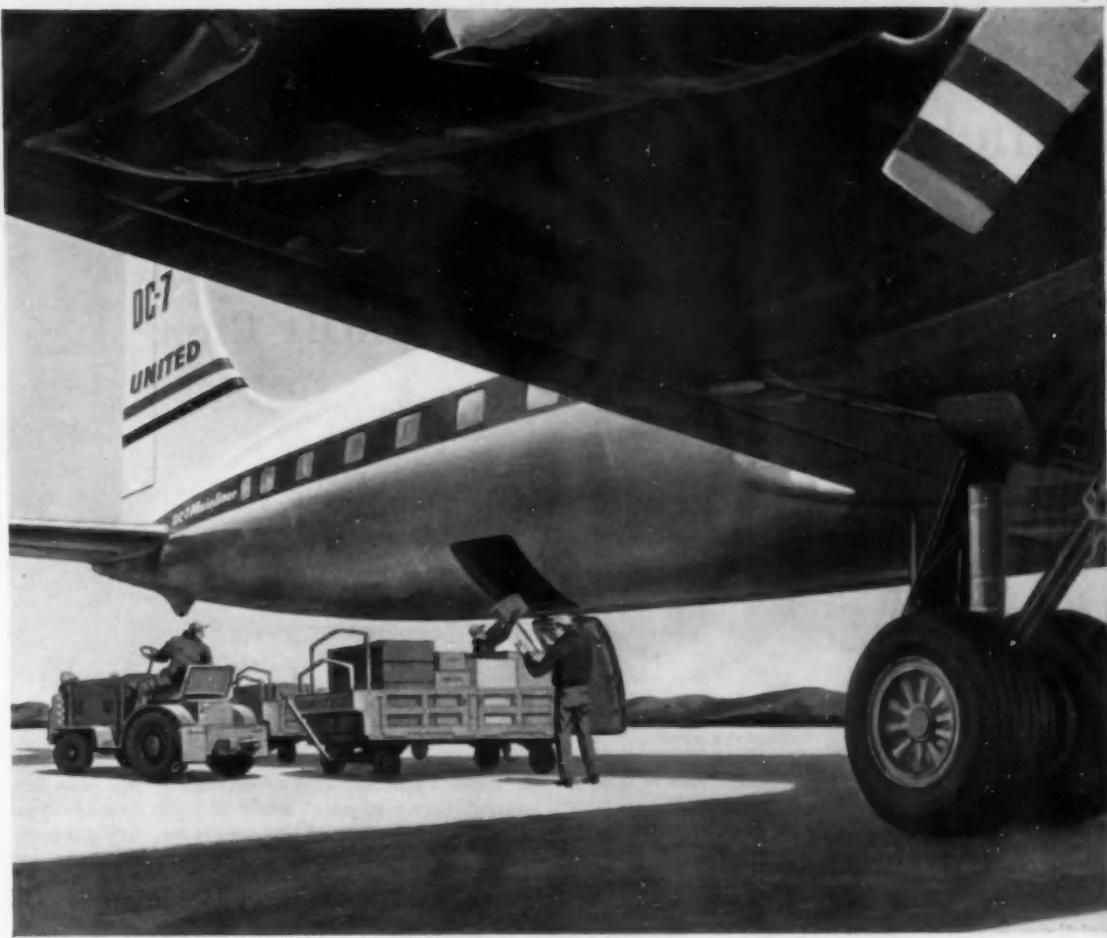
year as in 1954. There is some tendency to discount the significance of this aspect of the survey, however, since 1955 models had been on the market for several months when the survey was taken (so that some of those interviewed presumably had already purchased new cars), whereas in 1954 new models were presented to the public at about the same time the survey was conducted.

The second recent development that bolstered confidence was the joint announcement by the Department of Commerce and the Securities and Exchange Commission that present plans of American business call for greater capital outlay in 1955 than in 1954. The increase is not expected to be great, but for the time being the thing that is judged important is the apparent reversal of the year-old decline, since heretofore the common assumption has been that plant and equipment expenditure would continue on the downturn throughout most and perhaps all of this year.

These favorable foreshadowing statistics, together with evidence that the boom is broadening, have engendered new optimism in business circles regarding prospects for the second half. Specifically, businessmen and economic analysts seem less inclined now to worry about the consequences of a decline in automobiles and construction later in the year, for many of them feel that there is good promise of other sustaining forces of appreciable importance.

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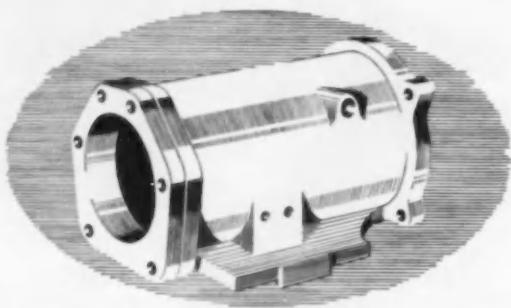
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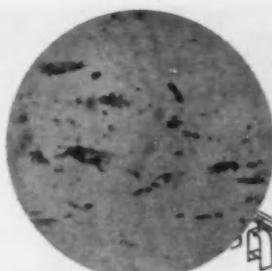
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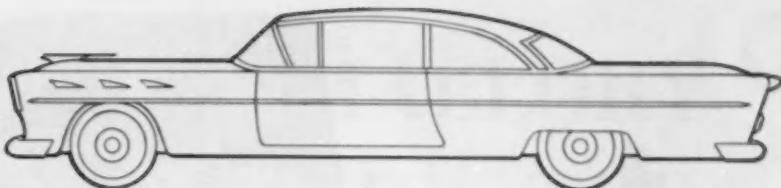
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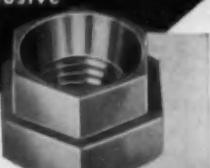
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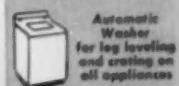
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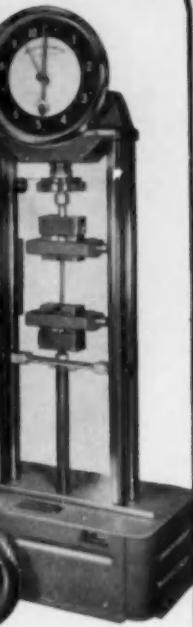
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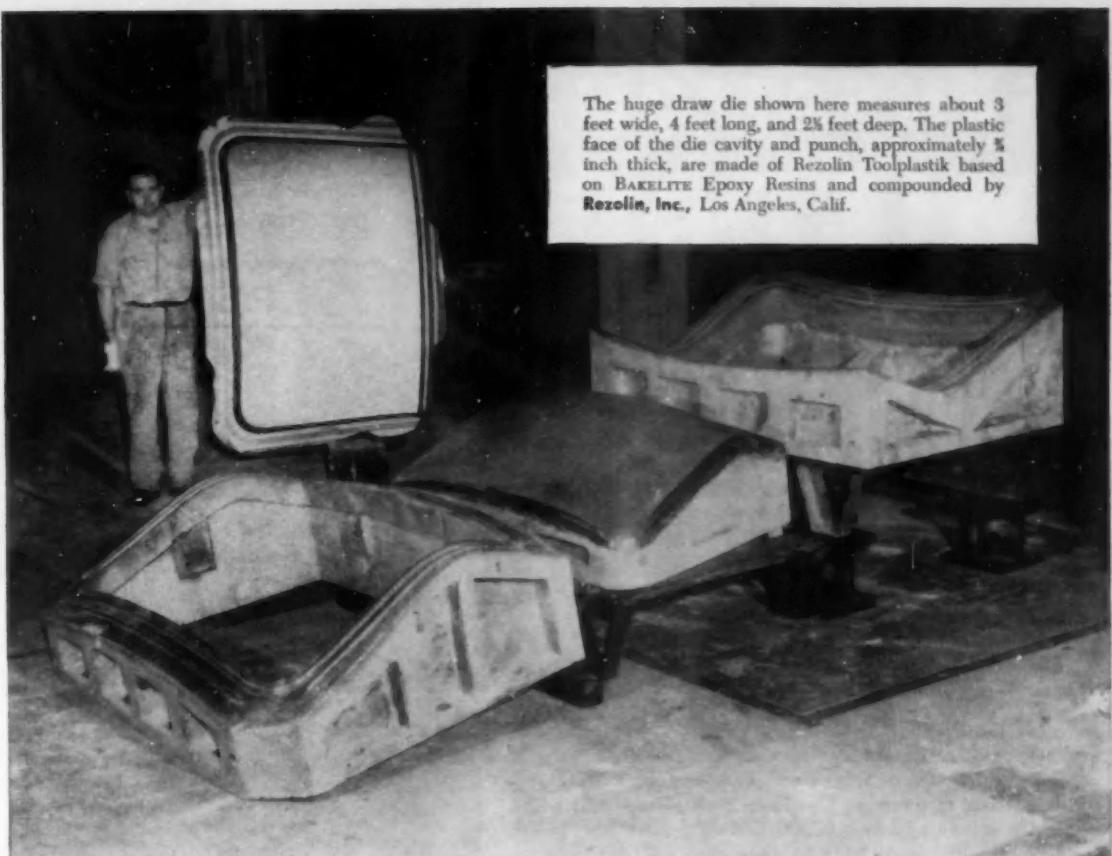
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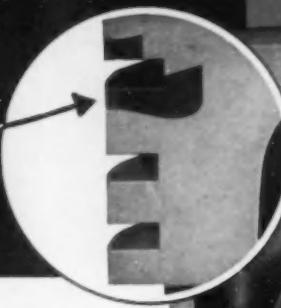
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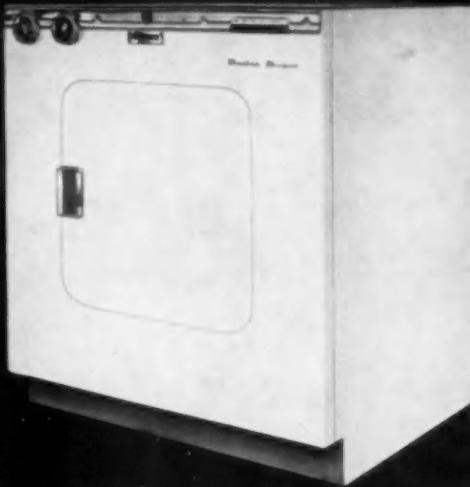
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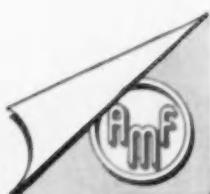
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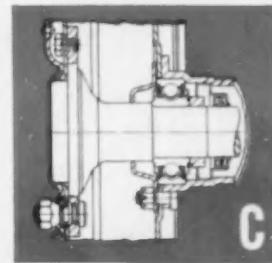
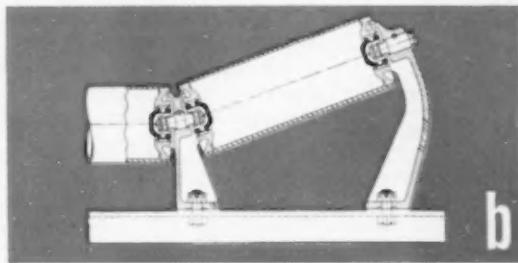
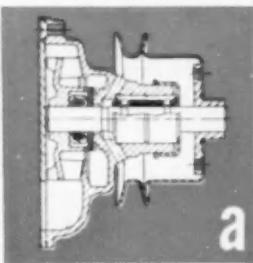
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